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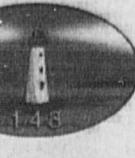


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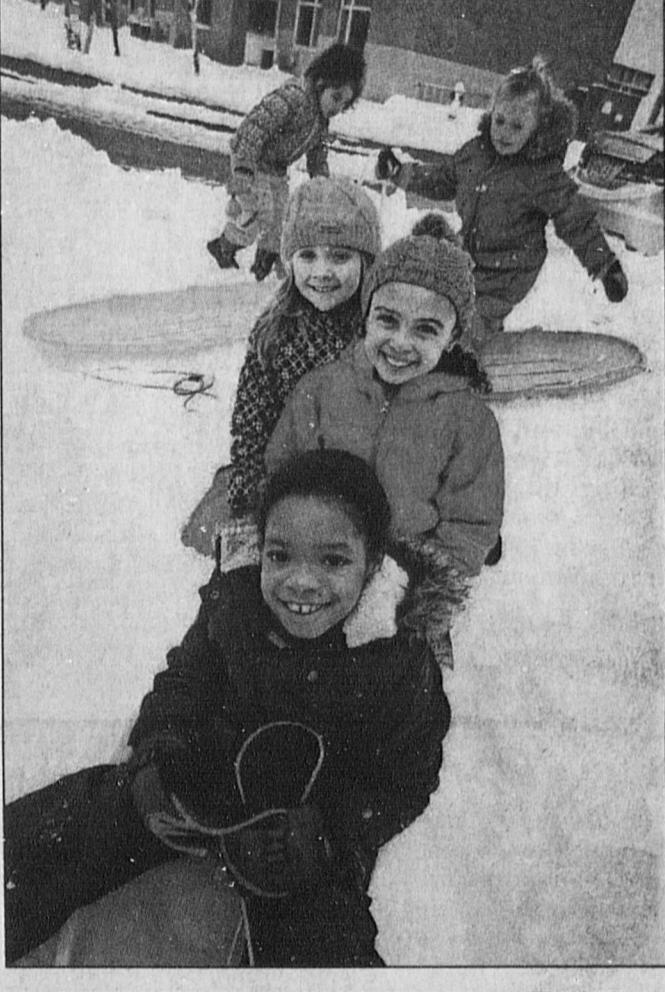
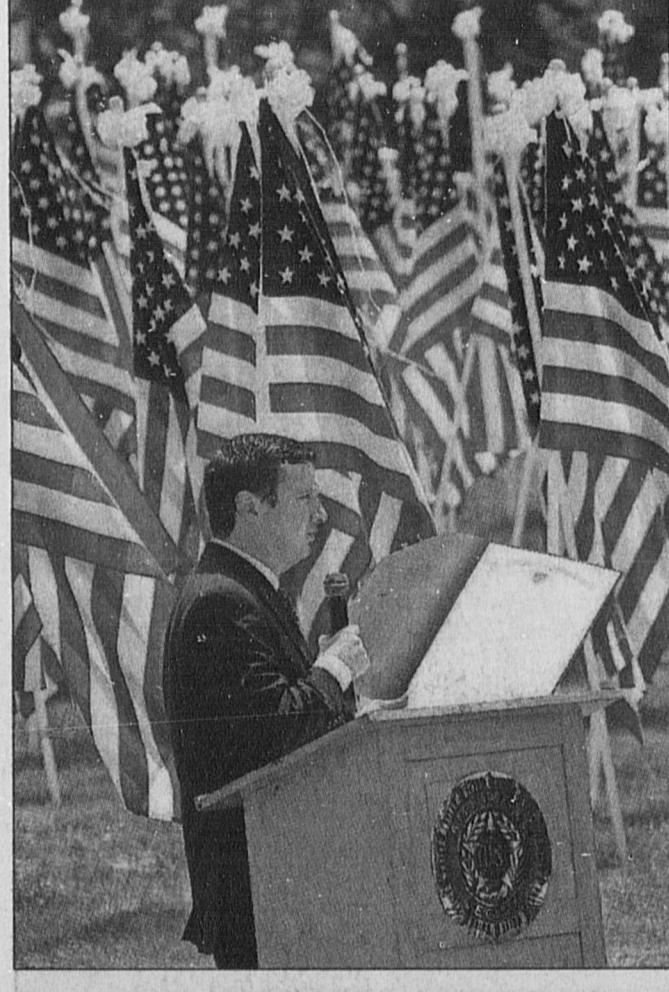
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YEAR IN REVIEW

Six elections dot the political landscape

By Amanda C. Thompson
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March 1: Super Tuesday (National Primary)

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton took Cohasset during the March 1 primary, with 35 percent of the republican vote going to Trump and 56 percent of the democratic vote going to Clinton.

Peter Buckley and Janet Fogarty won the roles of Republican State Committeeman and -woman. Christopher Matthews and Alice Arena won Democratic State Committeeman and -woman.

April 12: Special State Senate Primary

A Special State Primary Election was held to fill a State Senate seat vacated in December, 2015 by Senator Bob Hedlund, who took a post as the Mayor of Weymouth. Democrat Joan Meschino defeated Paul Gannon, and Republican Patrick O'Connor defeated Stephen Gill. Meschino and O'Connor would face off in the Special State Senate Election a month later.

May 10: Special Election for State Senate

Round two of the special

Senate election saw an O'Connor victory, meaning the republican would finish out Hedlund's term that was slated to expire later that year. O'Connor would repeat the campaign and election process in the fall to try for a full Senate term.

May 14: Local election

Steve Gaumer and Jack Keniley were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Selectmen. Jeanne Astino, Barbara Stefan and Amanda Zani were elected to the School Committee.

The following elections were made: Sarah Pease, Elaine Breslow and Roger Lowe to the Library Trustees, Susan Sardina to the Housing Authority, Clark Brewer and Erik Potter to the Planning Board, Lynn Dooley to the Board of Health, John Steinmetz to the Water Commission, Bill McGowan to the Sewer Commission, Molly Frame to the Recreation Commission, and Melissa Browne to the Board of Assessors.

September 8: State Primary Elections

Democrats chose former Hull Selectwoman Joan Meschino and republicans picked first-timer Kristen Arute of Hingham to face off for the State Representative seat in the general election on Nov. 8. The State Rep seat was vacated unexpectedly in July by 16-year representative Garrett Bradley.

Meschino, who originally planned to run for Senate, received the most votes from democrats in that category but declined the nomination to accept the one for State Rep. The State Democratic Party then selected former State Rep. Paul Gannon to run against incumbent republican Senator Patrick O'Connor in the Nov. 8 general election.

November 8: General Election

Cohasset voters opted for Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump for president (2881



Newly elected state Sen. Patrick O'Connor celebrates his victory in the May 10 special election with former longtime Sen. Bob Hedlund, right, current mayor of Weymouth. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO

to 1621). Trump, of course, won on the national stage.

For Representative in Congress, Cohasset chose Kristen Arute over Joan Meschino (2487 to 2272), but the district as a whole

went for Meschino. Like the majority of the district, Cohasset picked Patrick O'Connor over Paul Gannon for State Senator (2577 to 2034).

A majority of Cohasset

voters said "no" to legalizing marijuana and "yes" to expanding charter schools. The state as a whole swung the opposite way, approving marijuana and opposing charter schools.

PHOTOS ON A1

Clockwise from top left: State Senator Patrick O'Connor reads a citation for the Healing Field dedication on Saturday, May 28. (Robin Chan); Taffy Nothnagle is Cohasset Citizen of the Year (Robin Chan); Front - Back, Three on a sled, Brianna -Love Lucas, 9, Addy Andrews, 8, and Amanda McMahon, 9, ready to sled with their RISE companions outside the Osgood school (Wicked Local); Taylor Jesse of Cretinon Farm unloads a bag of fresh corn from their farm in Kingston during the Cohasset Farmers Market on July 7. (Robin Chan); Brooke Figueiredo, 8, smiles with joy after Lauren McManus and Jack Donahue were introduced to the crowd at pre-prom on Thursday, May 26. (Robin Chan).

The Gabanelle family of French Memories, which celebrated 25 years, is Emilie, 22, Marie, 18, Anne, Jean-Jacques, and Sophie, 25. (Robin Chan); Betty Lisneros talks about her former colleague, Marjorie Murphy, during the dedication ceremony in Murphy's honor at the Deer Hill library on Friday, Feb. 26. (Robin Chan); Governor Charlie Baker takes a selfie with Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Kevin McCarthy at the republican picnic on September 11, 2016. (Alyssa Stone); Donna O'Donnell, left, of Cohasset and Elizabeth Durant, right, of Cohasset gaze at art together in the exhibition tent at the South Shore Arts Center's annual Arts Festival on Saturday, June 18, 2016. (Robin Chan)

COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

Conservatory Storyteller Series Jan. 10

All events take place at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier Street, unless noted. Call for Reservations: 781-383-9112.

WEEKLY LUNCHES:

Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Reservations are required no less than 24-hours in advance. Delicious Meals provided by local restaurants and Cohasset cooks. Cost: \$3.00.

■ Tuesday, Jan. 3, Chef Dan: Mandarin orange salad with chicken

■ Wednesday, Jan. 4, Chef: Launch, Grilled cheese and soup

■ Thursday, Jan. 5, Chef: Mary Kay: Macaroni and Cheese

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Please be advised that Cohasset Elder Affairs will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, for the New Year's Holiday.

CHANGE IN VETERANS AGENT HOURS: Effective Jan. 1, Cohasset's Veterans' agent hours will change to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to Noon.

A (MUSICAL) HISTORY OF BROKEN HEARTS. TUESDAY, JAN. 10, 1:30 p.m. Kickoff to South Shore Conservatory Storyteller Series. Musical composers are influenced by those who came before. Soprano Holly Marshall discusses this influence and performs songs that illustrate the different

ways our stories may be told. \$5. Please RSVP.

TED TALKS VIDEO/DISCUSSION - A DOCTOR'S TOUCH. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11, 10 a.m. View a short presentation by Physician Abraham Verghese as he calls for a return to the traditional one-on-one physical exam. Talk afterward facilitated by Carol Geyser, M. A., preacher at the Paulist Center in Boston. Refreshments. Free

OUT TO LUNCH AND OLDE KIDS ON THE BLOCK. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11, 11:30 a.m. Lunch at the 99 Restaurant in Hingham followed by a visit to Weymouth COA to attend a performance by Olde Kids On The Block, a swing band made up of local seniors. \$25 covers transp., limited-menu lunch, and performance. RSVP required by January 6.

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OPEN REHEARSAL. THURSDAY, JAN. 12, 9 a.m.. This trip is in collaboration with Hingham Council on Aging. \$20 transportation. Purchase your own ticket (from \$18-\$30) at the box office. Limited seating. Call early to reserve your spot!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

■ Cohasset Café: Mondays, 9 to 11 a.m. Drop in for coffee, conversation and fresh baked treats provided

by The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. \$3.

■ French Conversation: Mondays, 10 a.m. Looking to improve your French? Informal gatherings for those less-than-expert. Drop in.

■ Zumba Gold, Fridays, 10 to 11 a.m. Ditch the work out! Join the party! Zumba Gold workout incorporates dance/fitness routines set to Latin and international rhythms but is performed at a lower intensity than regular Zumba. Great for cardio, range of motion and balance. Drop in. \$5.

YOGA CLASSES

■ Gentle Yoga: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Instructor, Amy DiLillo. Drop in \$5.

■ Mary's Yoga: Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. Instructor, Mary Ernst.

■ Chair Yoga: Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Instructor, Amy DiLillo. Drop in \$5.

■ Yoga/Meditation, Thursdays 9:30 a.m. Amy DiLillo and Jen Wilms. Half yoga and half meditation. Learn relaxation techniques that you can use any time. Drop in. \$5.

■ Veteran's Services Hours. Monday, Wed., Thurs., 2 to 4 p.m., Tues., 2 to 6 p.m.

■ Bridge: Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m., Bring your own foursome.

■ Senior Stretch, Mondays 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Low impact class focusing on balance and flexibility.

■ Strength and Conditioning Class Thursdays, 10:30-11:30. Follow the

instruction of an exercise therapist to improve upper and lower body strength, endurance, and flexibility. \$5.00 per class.

■ Book Club, Second Friday of the month, 10 p.m.

■ Knitting: Drop in. Fridays from 11 to 12:30 p.m. Learners welcome.

TRANSPORTATION: Door-to-door van service to the following: (Out of town trips. \$5 Round Trip).

■ Medical Appointments: within a 15-mile radius of Cohasset by appointment.

■ FISH: Medical rides to out of town appointments in volunteers' cars. Not wheelchair accessible.

■ Around Town, Route 3A, Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m.

■ Shaws, Tuesdays: 1 p.m.

■ Cohasset Train Station, Wednesdays: 9:04 am train inbound. 3:08 return.

■ Around Town (Downtown Cohasset), Thursdays: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

■ Farmers Market: Thursdays, seasonally. Pick-ups begin at 1:45. Return at 3 p.m.

■ Stop and Shop, Fridays: 9:30 a.m.

■ Walmart/Hanover Mall, 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

■ Trader Joes/Marshalls, 2nd Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

■ Derby Street Shoppes, 3rd Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

■ Christmas Tree Shop, 4th Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

South Shore Tide Chart

COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)

	DEC. 2016 - JAN. 2017 HIGH				LOW				SUNRISE	SUNSET
	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.		
Thursday 29	11:09	9.4	11:44	8.4	4:50	0.8	5:24	-0.2	7:11	4:19
Friday 30	11:48	9.5			5:31	0.7	6:03	-0.3	7:11	4:20
Saturday 31	12:23	8.5	12:28	9.5	6:12	0.6	6:43	-0.4	7:11	4:21
Sunday 01	1:03	8.5	1:09	9.5	6:54	0.6	7:25	-0.4	7:12	4:21
Monday 02	1:44	8.6	1:52	9.4	7:38	0.5	8:08	-0.3	7:12	4:22
Tuesday 03	2:27	8.7	2:38	9.3	8:25	0.5	8:54	-0.3	7:12	4:23
Wednesday 04	3:14	8.8	3:29	9.1	9:16	0.5	9:44	-0.1	7:12	4:24
Thursday 05	4:04	9.0	4:25	8.9	10:11	0.4	10:37	-0.0	7:12	4:25

Please be aware that all tide charts are really just predictions and assume average weather conditions.

Usually, onshore winds or low barometric pressure will produce higher tides than predicted and vice-versa.

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POLICE BEAT

By Mary Ford
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MVC

A 26-year-old Cohasset man in a 2006 Mercedes-Benz pulled out of Fiori's Gulf station around 2:08 p.m. on Monday (Dec. 19) when traffic stopped in the right-hand lane to allow him to make a left onto Route 3A south. However traffic in the inside lane had not stopped and the Mercedes was hit by a northbound 1998 Jeep, operated by a 46-year-old Cohasset man.

Both vehicles were damaged and the Jeep had to be towed. The 26-year-old was cited for failure to yield. There were no reported injuries, police said.

Warrant arrest

On Tuesday (Dec. 19) around 12:17 a.m. police went to 615 Jerusalem Road where they placed Kenneth J. McGrath, 51, of that address under arrest on a warrant for a parole violation.

Protective custody

A 32-year-old Chatham woman called 9-1-1 around 12:37 a.m. on Tuesday (Dec. 20), saying she was lost; police located her walking on Jerusalem Road near Windy Hill. She had bloodshot eyes,

slurred speech, and was unsteady on her feet. She did not know where she was or how she arrived there, other than to say she had been with a male friend. Due to her level of intoxication, she was placed under protective custody for her own safety and spent the night at the station.

Suspicious activity

Police were unable to locate a man and woman who were unfamiliar to the Doane Street caller who thought they seemed suspicious. The caller reported the woman who was in her 20s and wearing a baseball cap met a man in a beige jacket and they walked into the cemetery. The call came in at 1:40 p.m. on Wednesday (Dec. 21).

Packages missing

A 40-year-old Old Pasture Road woman called police on Thursday morning (Dec. 22) to report that she was missing several packages with a total value of less than \$250. Investigation showed that her mailbox was blocked due to too many vehicles parked there and the Post Office had all her mail and packages as undeliverable.

MVC

A 56-year-old Oregon man in a 2016 Jeep Patriot had a nasty experience in town when his Jeep was struck from behind by a 2004 Lincoln Aviator, operated by a 40-year-old Roslindale man on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) at Pond Street on Friday (Dec. 23) around 2:38 p.m.

A 58-year-old Roxbury man in a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe slid down Pond Street around 6:20 p.m. on Thursday (Dec. 22) and struck the granite-curbed traffic island and sign at the foot of the road at Spring Street near the train crossing.

Investigation showed the Tahoe had plates that belonged to another vehicle.

The Roxbury man is being summonsed to court for attaching plates and failure to stay in marked lanes. The Tahoe was towed; he was not injured.

Check fraud

The contractor who wrote a bad check for about \$1,000 to Hingham Lumber has promised to make good on the check this week, police said. Hingham Lumber called police on Friday (Dec. 23) to report the matter. Police located the contractor, who was very apologetic, and are following up to make sure he follows through.

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Police said the Jeep that was headed north was slowing in traffic when it was hit from behind. The Lincoln had to be towed and that driver was cited for following too closely on a state highway. There were no reported injuries.

Ding-dong-ditch

Police caught up with a handful of youths who were ringing doorbells on Linden Drive and then running away on Friday (Dec. 23) around 6:50 p.m. They were sent home for the evening.

Shoplifting

Police are investigating the apparent theft of a child's blue sweater valued at \$65 from Darilynn's on S. Main Street on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24). The clerk observed the woman, who lives on Elm Street, enter the store and take key chains off the counter; the clerk offered assistance and when the woman was making a purchase, the clerk saw the child's sweater in her open bag. The woman left the store without paying for the sweater; police took the report and went to her residence to investigate but she had left for the holiday. Police will issue a criminal complaint against the woman for shoplifting



No one was injured when gale force winds took down a large tree that landed on a detached garage/work shed on Beechwood Street on Monday morning, Dec. 26.

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with the vandals.

Tree down

Gale-force winds took down a large tree that crashed through a detached garage/shed at 508 Beechwood St. on Monday morning (Dec. 26). The garage was essentially totaled in the incident; no one was injured. The wires involved turned out to be cable wires and presented no danger, police said.

SAVE THE DATE

Register of deeds to speak in Cohasset

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell will speak to the seniors of Cohasset at 10 a.m. Jan. 18 at Cohasset Elder Affairs, Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. The short speaking program will touch on the

historical nature of the registry and the register's efforts to modernize and computerize the vast number of Norfolk County real estate records. Following his remarks, the register will be available to answer individual

questions. Members of the register's staff will also be available to assist in providing information about the Massachusetts Homestead Act. On-site work stations will be available to provide the status of a mortgage discharge, print

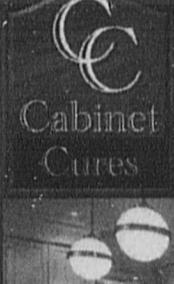
a copy of a deed or provide a demonstration on how the registry's On-Line Land Records Database works.

This is a community outreach initiative sponsored by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. It is

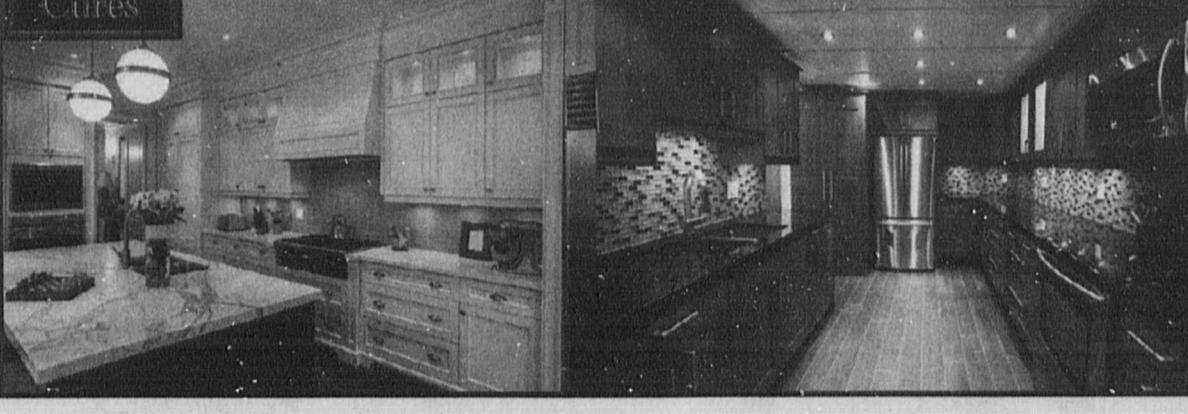
O'Donnell's goal to provide a convenient way for residents to learn more about how the registry serves Norfolk County. Although

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Top 5 Cohasset stories of 2016

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Harbor resort

For 15 years, Atlantica, Olde Salt House, Cohasset Harbor Inn and Brisa were collectively owned by Peter Roy and managed by Joe Campbell. The harbor resort was purchased in summer 2016 by Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, for \$12,750,000. Management has also been transferred.

Selectmen agreed that Ordelheide's original proposal of hiring one manager for two establishments would not provide adequate oversight, even though the businesses are close together and often work in tandem for large events such as weddings, and even though that was how Roy and Campbell operated.

After some juggling, the owner settled on Bob Houle, assistant liquor license manager at the Red Lion Inn, as manager and liquor license holder at the Inn and Brisa and Michael Patrick Wharton at Atlantica and the Olde Salt House. Wharton previously worked at the Hynes Convention Center, the Hard Rock Café, the Radisson, Hilton, and Millennium Hotels, and many more.

The businesses were slated for a June 24 opening. However, they were open only for booked events through most of the summer. The Olde Salt House finally opened to the public the first week of September, followed by Atlantica later in the month.

Selectmen spent a good deal of time in May hashing out regulations for the entertainment license. But in September, shortly after the businesses reopened, police started getting noise complaints, the worst of which is still under discussion by the Board of Selectmen as a possible license violation.

The hearing will continue in January 2017.

James Island

In September 2015, the Conservation Commission voted 4-2 to deny an application by John and Jane Steinmetz to build a 7,823-square-foot home on James Island, saying that the home and driveway would come too close to the wetlands and could have an adverse environmental impact.

The applicants felt that the decision was reached unfairly, since



Residents of Cedar Acres Lane petitioned selectmen to do something about the abysmal state of their road, which they said is a public health and safety hazard.

WICKED LOCAL PHOTO

environmental, wildlife, and storm water experts showed that the project would not hurt the salt marsh or coastal bank. The Steinmetzes filed lawsuits against the Town and against those whose votes they believed to be wrongly influenced.

In April, they withdrew the lawsuits and presented a new plan, hoping for a "peaceful resolution." But in June, that plan, too, was voted down. So the applicants went to the state Department of Environmental Protection, which gave them the green light to build.

But even with the DEP on their side, the plans still needed approval from either the local Conservation Commission or the Superior Court.

Finally, in September, the Steinmetzes threw in the towel. The land will either be sold, with the possibility of a future (smaller) single-family home on the site, or placed into conservation. The 6.68-acre waterfront house lot was appraised at \$3,030,000.

"We've been at odds with the [James Island] Protection Group for two years," said John Steinmetz. "This is now an opportunity to work with them, and for them to work with me to make it happen."

Private ways

Residents of Cedar Acres Lane petitioned selectmen to do something about the abysmal state of their road, which they said is a public health and safety hazard.

Both young children and senior citizens had fallen and been injured due to the road's state of disrepair, residents said. Additionally, the road poses an obstacle to effective delivery of public safety services

such as fire and emergency medical access. It has caused damage to plows and has garnered complaints from school buses and mail delivery services.

Private ways, however, are owned by residents and not by the Town. Therefore the Town can only provide minor patch jobs, not full refurbishment. Selectmen were reluctant to help Cedar Acres without first creating a private ways policy – otherwise, they'd be setting a precedent for the entire town.

Twenty percent of the homes in town are serviced by private ways, and an additional 12 percent are serviced by shared driveways, so this will affect one third of the population. The policy was approved on Dec. 13.

The policy offers a definition of "private way" and a classification system to help officials assess how much assistance (if any) they can offer to residents. It suggests a "pathway to public way" for qualifying roads, which must meet minimum standards for width, grade, and drainage.

Dredging

More than a month after the final cutoff date for dredging, and with extensions requested, granted, and spent, the Harbor channel still was not clear enough for fishing boats to get safely in and out.

On top of that, a pipe moved in the harbor last winter, damaging the mooring field, and the boat ramp was destroyed at some point. The Army Corps paid for the necessary repairs.

The Corps came back in May to remove an additional 4,000 yards of material and they returned in the fall to finish the job,

hopefully once and for all. Clearing must wrap up by the end of January 2017.

Expenses for the ongoing work are being footed by the Corps, not by the town.

Bound Brook Dam

Bound Brook Dam was listed by the Office of Dam Safety as an intermediate size structure, significant hazard class, and was rated in "poor condition." It was recommended that the town replace the earthen embankment dam sooner rather than later.

Bound Brook Bridge connects Cohasset's southwesterly corner to the rest of the community via Beechwood Street. That's why only one lane is closing, rather than a full closure that would reroute traffic the (very, very) long way around through Scituate.

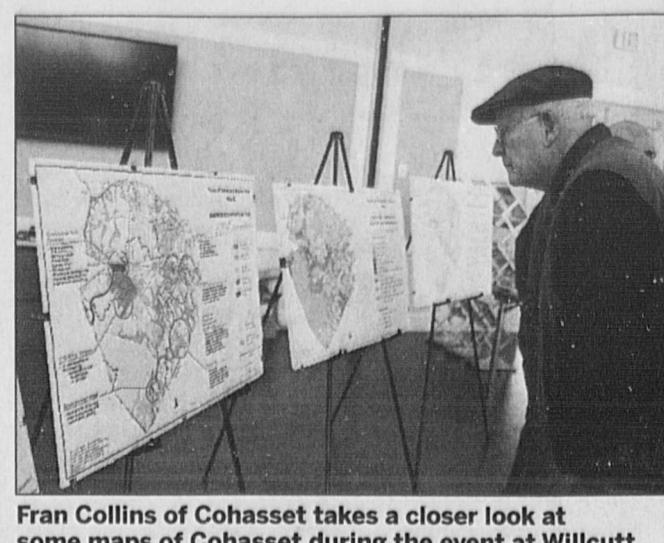
The dam was created in 1976 during the town's major water capital improvement program, but the culvert itself was not addressed at the time. It's over 150 years old.

But that doesn't mean the project has been easy. In December, on separate occasions, contractors broke a water main and a brand new gas main. Road plates shifted, leaving a three-inch gap with nothing but the river below.

National Grid and the contractor responded quickly and efficiently, getting customers back online by the end of the day. Still, officials have made it clear that they'll have a zero tolerance policy for any more issues going forward.

This project is funded in part by a \$1 million grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The total estimated budget is \$1.42 million.

YEAR IN REVIEW



Fran Collins of Cohasset takes a closer look at some maps of Cohasset during the event at Willcutt Commons for residents to voice their thoughts on Cohasset's master plan on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

Local government a well-oiled machine

By Amanda C. Thompson
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for ideas and initiatives, and a trust responsible for dealing with actual funds.

The steering committee had its first meeting in October. Members have been in an orientation phase since then and look forward to getting busy in the new year.

Long Range Planning Group

The Long Range Planning Group was formed to provide guidance and insight to elected officials. Its purpose is to establish lasting stability and to make plans and projections around long-term strategic issues, of which financial factors are only a single slice – that's why the words "budget" and "fiscal" are notably absent from its name.

It comprises two members each from the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Capital Budget Committee, and Advisory Committee. The Town Manager, Finance Director, School Superintendent, and School Business Manager also participate.

250th Anniversary Steering Committee

This group, still under construction, is responsible for planning the festivities surrounding Cohasset's 250th birthday. The Town of Cohasset was incorporated in 1770 after breaking ties with Hingham. Events will be planned throughout the year of 2020.

The steering committee consists of two members from the Cohasset Historical Commission, two from the Cohasset Historical Society, and three "at-large" members. However, anyone who wants to help is welcome to do so, whether or not they're on the committee.

Master Plan Steering Committee

Selectmen and the Planning Board created a Master Plan Steering Committee to lead the town into the next phase of the master planning process. The Master Plan will document the community's goals and help leadership manage growth and change while protecting the resources and character of the town.

The first order of business will be to review the results of the past year's research, visioning sessions, and survey and release an RFP for a consultant to help develop the Master Plan.

The committee comprises 13 members: two from the Board of Selectmen, two from Planning, and one each from Affordable Housing, Alternative Energy, School, Capital Budget, Conservation, Zoning, Open Space, and a group representing the interests of the harbor.

Boards and committees will vote annually on which members will serve as delegates. Committees have made their appointments for the year, and delegates are ready to get to work in 2017.

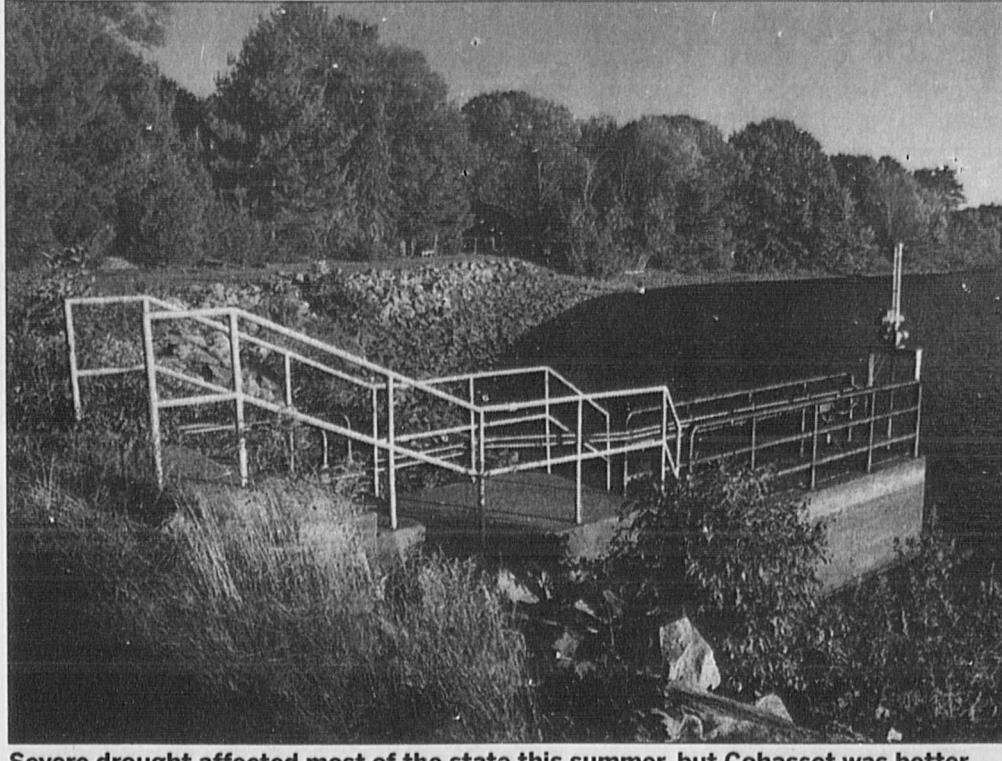
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YEAR IN REVIEW



Severe drought affected most of the state this summer, but Cohasset was better off than most thanks to its backup drinking water supply at Aaron River Reservoir.

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Donald Trump supporters cheered on their pick for president at the end of Highland Ave. on Election Day. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

2016 brings more good than bad for Cohasset

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Popular opinion says that 2016 was "the worst year ever," and it's true that the year brought more than its fair share of challenges, tragedies and scandals. But here in Cohasset, there's a lot of good to reflect on before anyone goes rushing headlong into 2017.

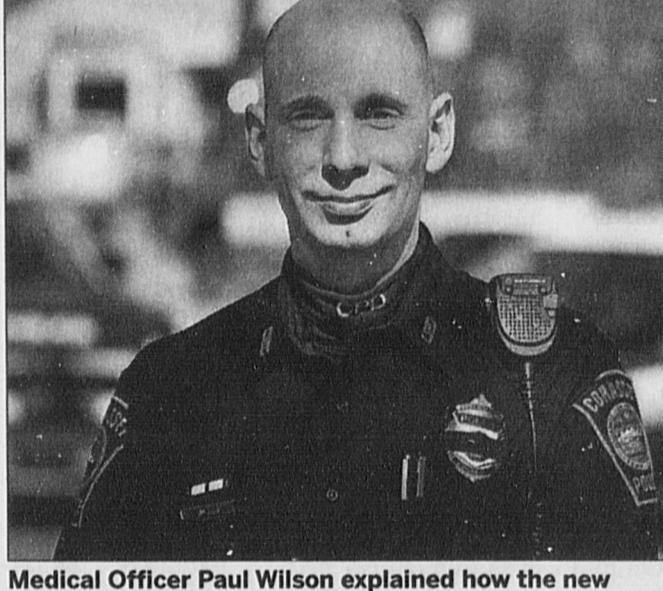
The arts flourished this year, with Cohasset creators churning out books, songs, albums, and murals. A variety of successful businesses cropped up in the community, including restaurants and a yoga studio, while a few local lynchpins celebrated major anniversaries. The Alternative Energy Commission is singlehandedly reducing the carbon footprint of Cohasset.

Local police are policing peacefully, defying the popular narrative that police are to be mistrusted and feared. There's new leadership at the schools and at many of the churches in town, giving the town a chance to grow a little and maybe redefine some things in the new year.

Cohasset achieved a triple-A bond rating and renewed contracts for four

major Town leaders. Officials have worked out some tricky situations with local projects, including harbor dredging and construction snafus at Bound Brook Dam. The town successfully hosted six – count 'em, six! – elections this year.

All told, 2016 could have been a lot worse, and the momentum is there for a great 2017, as well.



Medical Officer Paul Wilson explained how the new Narcan dispensers are easier to use and more efficient than the older version as Cohasset continues to fight the opioid epidemic. COURTESY PHOTO

YEAR IN REVIEW

Plate is always full with municipal projects

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Snack Shack

Annual Town Meeting and the Community Preservation Committee supported funding for a new snack shack and restrooms at Milliken Field, requested by the Recreation Commission last winter.

This fills a desperate need for thousands of people who use the field all summer, particularly parents with children who are too little to "hold it" or may need a diaper change, and particularly for elderly or disabled spectators, who today can barely access the field, let alone use the "facilities" provided.

Master plan

A Master Plan documents a community's goals in areas like business district development, housing diversity, and open space. Cohasset's most recent plan was completed in 2004. With all the developments that have taken place in the last 12 years, it's time to move the goalposts forward.

A visioning session on March 5 assessed Cohasset's strengths, challenges, and opportunities, as well as the visual preferences and greatest concerns of residents. Over the summer, the Planning Board conducted a survey to get a deeper sense of how those visions and fears are shaped in people's minds.

In October, all that data was distilled and presented and the town moved on to the next phase of the process: the actual creation of the Master Plan. Selectmen have created a steering committee that will guide the process forward in 2017. Development of the plan should take about a year and a half.

Jerusalem Road Causeway

Jerusalem Road causeway had to be reconstructed due to a failed headwall and culvert system. The new culvert has a similar footprint to the old one but boasts additional flow capacity. This will help avoid the build-up of stagnant organic materials that

used to collect on the tidal flats and salt marsh during low tides. It should raise the quality of the water and the overall habitat of the salt marsh.

Most importantly, the road grade was increased by two feet. A King Tide would have put the old causeway under a foot of water, while the new one had a foot to spare. This will help avoid road closures during severe weather and provide better access both for residents and for emergency vehicles.

Work on the causeway was completed in early November.

Flood maps

The Town has been working to amend FEMA's local flood insurance rate maps for close to two years. A letter of map revision was submitted last November and the revisions were accepted this year.

The 2012 maps had increased the flood elevations across town and expanded the impact zone of the 100-year and 500-year storms (storms that happen once in 100 or 500 years, respectively). This moved many residents into the flood zones, requiring them to pay flood insurance for the first time.

Storm surge calculations have now been reduced by as much as 10 feet in some places, and many areas have been removed from the "velocity zone," where wave speed could potentially do even more damage than base flood elevations. That saves those property owners from more stringent foundation requirements and additional insurance costs.

Cunningham Bridge

Cunningham Bridge was reported structurally deficient in 2014 and has been listed in the Transportation Improvement Program for even longer than that. The program has now secured \$4 million for the project in Federal Highway funding from Mass DOT so the bridge can be replaced at no cost to Cohasset.

The new bridge will feature a gentler curve, increasing safety for motorists and pedestrians, as well as wider lanes, sidewalk, and railings to improve



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Jerusalem Road causeway had to be reconstructed due to a failed headwall and culvert system. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO

safety for cyclists and foot traffic.

Work is scheduled between late August 2017 and May 2018. The bridge will be closed for 10 months. Due to site constraints, a full closure of the bridge will be necessary. The Town has been working with Mass DOT to determine the least disruptive way to approach the project.

The primary concern is

how the detour will effect public safety response times to that area. Officials would prefer to shorten the project window but have noted

that, even with the detour, this part of town could still be serviced faster than some more remote corners of Cohasset.

8 James Lane

There was some confusion over the correct way to measure the condos under construction at 8 James Lane. The developer used a method called Residential Gross Floor Area, while a realty listing used Gross Floor Area, giving the impression that the units were several hundred square feet larger than permitted.

But to the Planning Board, square footage is just a number. According to the board, the 1,600 square feet allowed by the special permit were to comprise living space on the first and second stories only, yet some livable area had been added to the third floor without their knowledge.

The developer is reworking the layout so that, even with third floor living space, the square footage will be under 1,600 square feet as agreed. The new design goes before the board in January.



CONSERVATORY NOTES

Fast tracking your ballet technique

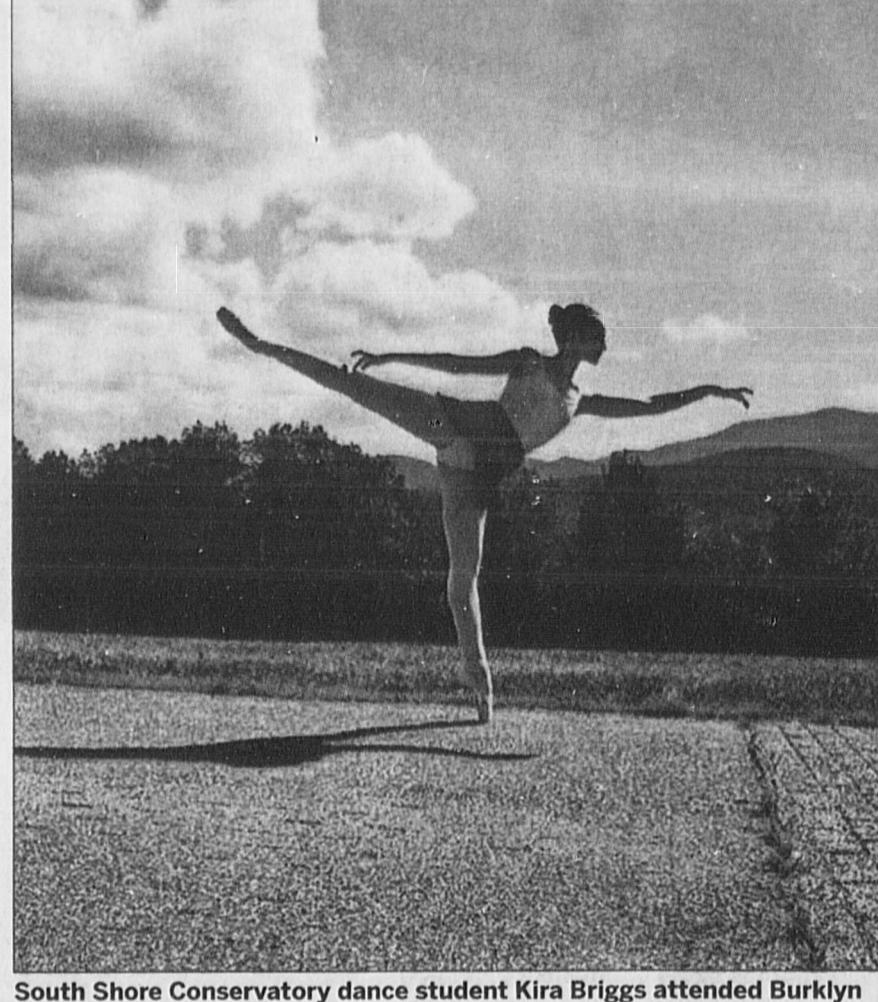
By Susie Guthro

When the last chord of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker finale sounds and the curtain makes its final close, it signals the start of another wonderful season for the young dancer. Summer intensive audition season is there to pick up where the thrill of performing leaves off for many serious ballet students. Summer intensives can be the highlight of a student's year. Whether it's a two-week or a six-week program that spans nearly the entire summer, an intensive program provides a young dancer with opportunities that enrich, validate, and expose them to the world of pre-professional dance.

My earliest experience of a summer intensive, at the age of 11, opened my eyes to what a summer of ballet could be. With classes ranging from ballet to modern, pointe to character dance, and dance history to workshops on hair and make-up, I felt as though I had won the lottery. I had found my people; other students from all over the country who had the same passion for ballet as me, and new teachers with new corrections and styles from which to learn. That summer I progressed faster with daily ballet classes that didn't have to compete with school-work, and gained strength and stamina from multiple classes and hours of dancing everyday. From that summer forward, not one passed without going through audition season again, and attending a new program nearly every summer of my adolescence.

Now, as a ballet teacher at South Shore Conservatory (SSC), I encourage my students to attend auditions for summer programs, and champion them through both acceptances and yes, the rejections that come with auditioning. There is something incredibly exciting about sending a student off for a summer of dance. Maybe it's because I know how important those summers were for me, or maybe it's because I want them to have an opportunity to measure their ability in a national arena. All I know is that a summer intensive can provide a young dancer with that taste of what it means to dance all day; learning from other teachers, and growing not only as a strong dancer, but a strong young adult.

This year I am pleased to



South Shore Conservatory dance student Kira Briggs attended Burklyn Ballet's Summer Intensive program last summer. COURTESY PHOTO

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announce that South Shore Conservatory was chosen as one of the national audition locations for Burklyn Ballet Theatre's 2017 Summer Intensive. It is quite an honor. Housed at Johnson State College in the White Mountains of Vermont, Burklyn offers a comprehensive program designed to provide dancers ages 10-25 with a professional company experience of performing each week, in addition to a core of curriculum classes.

Over the years, several of our SSC students have had the opportunity to attend Burklyn with great success, and it is a program I always encourage my students to audition for and attend. I hope many area dancers will take advantage of joining us at SSC on January 15 for

a master class and audition with Arthur Leeth of Burklyn Ballet, and who knows, maybe secure their spot for a summer filled with ballet!

Burklyn Ballet Theatre's auditions, for ages ten and up, take place at South Shore Conservatory, 64 St. George St., Duxbury on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017, from 12-2 pm. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on Burklyn Ballet Theatre's summer program, visit: burklynballet.com. For more information on South Shore Conservatory's Dance Department, visit: sscmusic.org.

Susie Guthro is Chair of South Shore Conservatory's Dance Department. She is an American Ballet Theatre (ABT®) Certified Teacher.

AUTHOR TALKS



Amy Hassinger will read from her latest novel, "After the Dam" at 4 p.m. on Jan. 8 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. COURTESY PHOTO

Hassinger is a wonderful storyteller

By Joan Stack Kovach
Special to the Mariner

The tree is gone, the wrappings all carefully recycled, and now is the calm and quiet time of the season. Come in from the cold on the first Sunday after New Year's and hear author Amy Hassinger read from her latest novel, "After the Dam" at 4 p.m. on Jan. 8 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Set in northern Wisconsin, an area Hassinger knows well from her childhood summers there, the novel's multiple story lines follow a young wife and mother struggling with her new role, a family home inhabited by a dying matriarch, and what remains of a Native American community years after a dam intentionally flooded their land.

The novel is rich with the tension of complicated human relationships along with dramatic events supplied by mother nature.

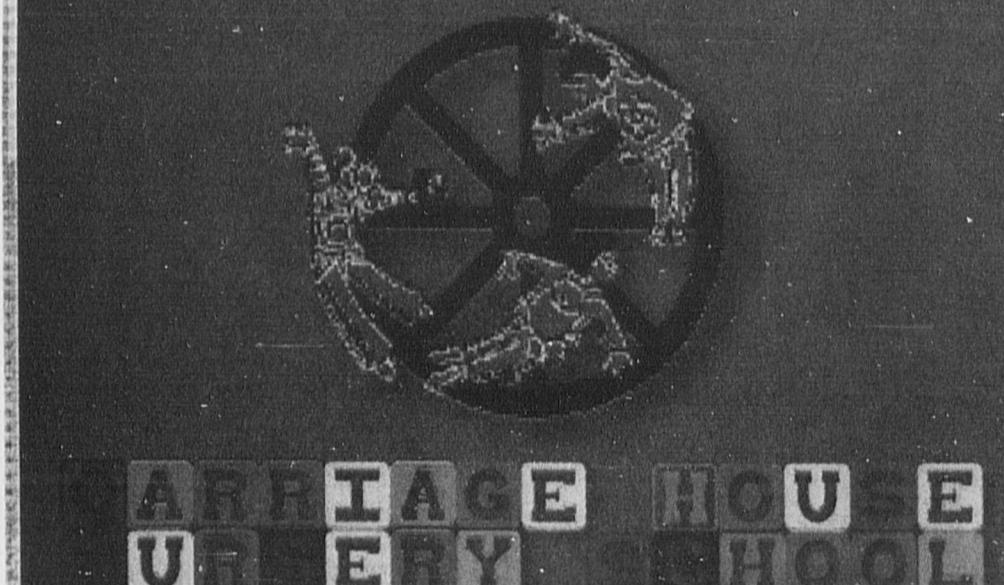
Hassinger, who grew up in Massachusetts, earned her M.F.A. from the Iowa Writers' Workshop and

serves as a Faculty Mentor in the University of Nebraska's low-residency MFA in Writing Program. She's the author of three novels including "Nina: Adolescence" (Putnam 2003), "The Priest's Madonna" (Putnam 2006), and "After the Dam" (Red Hen Press 2016).

Her writing has been translated into Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, and Indonesian and has won awards from Creative Nonfiction, Publisher's Weekly, and the Illinois Arts Council. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, Creative Nonfiction, The Writers' Chronicle, and The Los Angeles Review of Books. She now lives in Urbana, Illinois, where she produces the micro-podcast The Literary Life, and leads writing workshops out of her home.

A wine and cheese reception will follow Ms. Hassinger's reading and Buttonwood Books will have copies of "After the Dam" available for purchase and signing. Admission is free.

Sunday AuthorTalks is sponsored by A Taste for Wine and Spirits, and the Goodale Insurance Company. For more information about the AuthorTalk series, call the library at 383-1348 or visit online www.cohassetlibrary.org.



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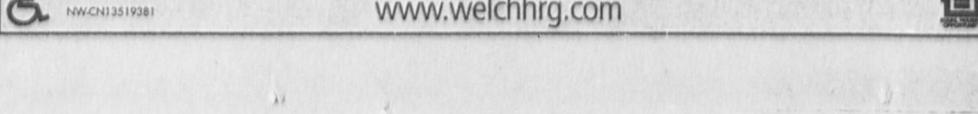
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YEAR IN REVIEW

Many are making a difference in Cohasset

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition

A "Communities that Care" survey conducted in 2015 showed that alcohol and marijuana use among Cohasset teens is double the national average, and 7 percent of seniors have even experimented with prescription drugs – mostly Adderall, a medication for Attention Deficit Disorder.

Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition isn't going to stand for that.

The group worked with the Cohasset Education Foundation to present Drug Story Theater, an improv theater program for teens who are in the early stages of recovery from drug or alcohol addiction, to teens and parents. The actors use performance to share their own true experiences with addiction.

Safe Harbor also did a second round of "Hidden in Plain Sight," an informational session that educates parents about drug use statistics and invites them to look through a mock teen bedroom for telltale signs of substance misuse.

Finally, Safe Harbor partnered with Cohasset Recreation to bring alternative programming for teens to the Cohasset Village Rec Center. Ground Level is an open mic coffeehouse for teens which will be hosted one Friday a month going into 2017, with plans to expand in the future.

Transforming tragedy for good

Friends and family of Will Golden wanted to do more than just remember him after the Skidmore College freshman and hockey player took a fatal fall from a rooftop in March. So they partnered with the Cohasset Triathlon, forming 10 relay teams in Golden's honor and raising \$1,500 for a memorial scholarship fund.

Golden played for Cohasset's championship lacrosse team in 2014 as a midfielder

and face-off specialist. He was a 2013 Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic for lacrosse. Despite all that, his true passion was ice hockey, and he took a year off after high school to play for the Boston Bandits in the Eastern Hockey League.

The scholarship will go to a student who embodies Golden's dedication, team spirit, and love for life.

Diners brake for breast cancer

For the second year running, the Corner Stop hosted a month-long fundraiser supporting breast cancer research. More importantly, at least to owner Rudy Vale, is supporting awareness.

It's been two years since Vale found out she had breast cancer. The end of her treatment is in sight, but she's fighting another battle that will never truly be over: convincing other women that it is worth their time to take a few hours out of their week to get a mammogram.

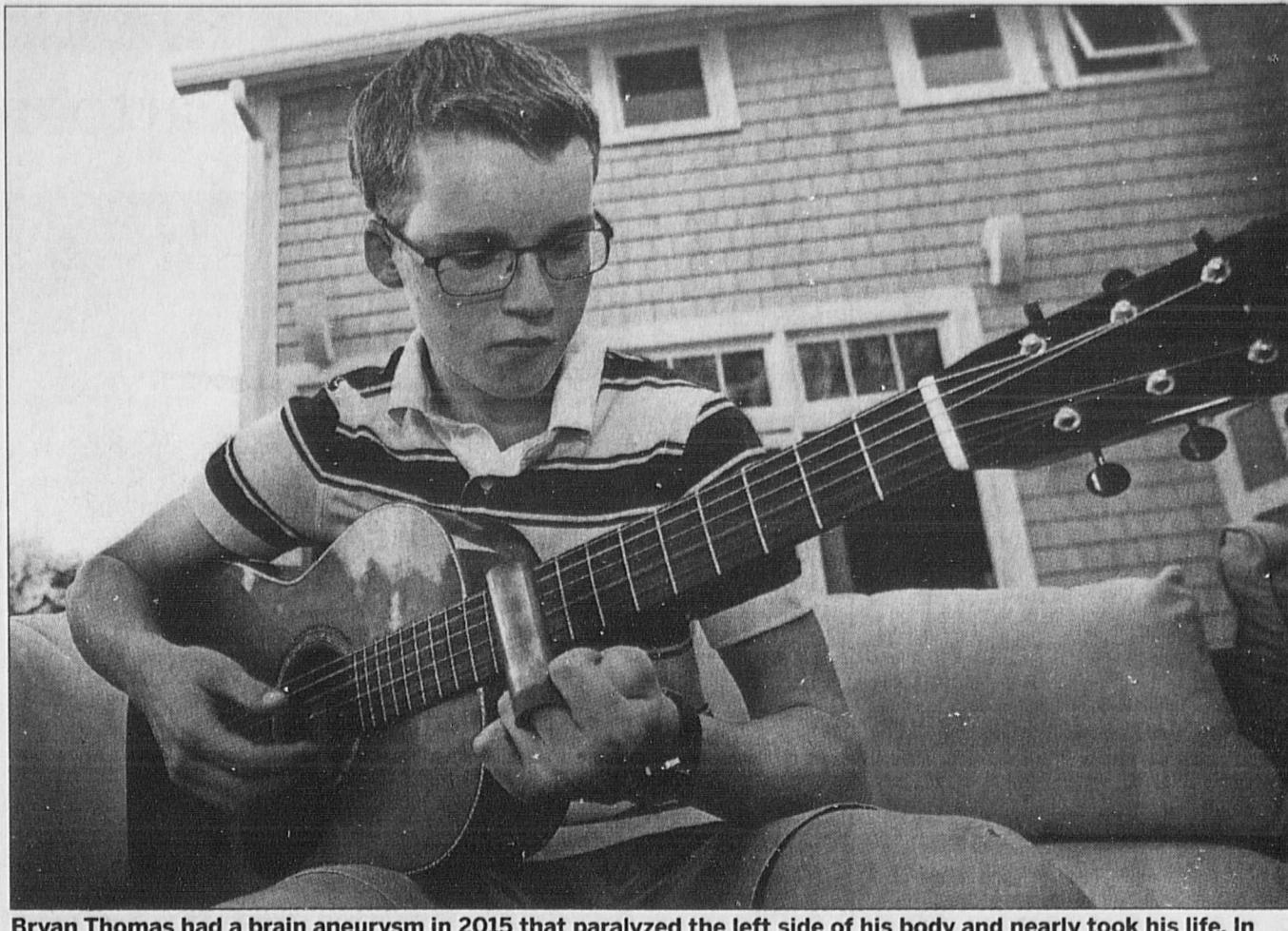
The restaurant donated 10 percent of every bill in the month of October to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and held a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses.

Moving Mountains for Multiple Myeloma

Lori Higgins lost her husband Tom to multiple myeloma, a rare form of blood cancer that infiltrates bone marrow, in September 2015. A year and a half later, in February, she and 14 others will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to support research that could help others in Tom's position.

Higgins got behind the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation because they're not just about the research; they're about getting new medications to the market to help patients live longer, better lives and maybe, one day, even cure them.

The first Moving Mountains for Multiple Myeloma group to hike Kilimanjaro



Bryan Thomas had a brain aneurysm in 2015 that paralyzed the left side of his body and nearly took his life. In spite of everything, the word "can't" didn't seem to be in Thomas's vocabulary. COURTESY PHOTO

raised over \$250,000. This year's team has set the same goal. Higgins herself has raised over \$10,000.

Project 351

Project 351 invites one eighth-grade student from every district in the Commonwealth to participate in a year of community service and leadership. Noah Sullivan, 13, became the Cohasset ambassador, volunteering at Pine Street Inn in Boston and coordinating a clothing drive for Cradles to Crayons.

Walking the walk

15-year-old Bryan Thomas walked seven miles through Boston with the Eversource Walk for Kids.

That might not be a big deal for most teenage boys, but for Thomas, it was something of a miracle. Thomas had a brain aneurysm in 2015 that paralyzed the left side of his body and nearly took his life. In spite of everything, the word

"can't" didn't seem to be in Thomas's vocabulary.

The annual walk benefits Boston Children's Hospital, where Thomas was treated after the aneurysm. He saw the walk as a way to say "thank you." Thanks to the generosity of friends, family, and members of the Cohasset community, he raised over \$24,000 for the hospital.

Helping hand for tangled foot

A runner in the Junior Triathlon stopped to help a younger competitor untangle his shoelace from his bike pedal, sacrificing his own best race time in the process.

"It is terrific to see the values of healthy competition and good sportsmanship that the community of Cohasset works so hard to uphold coming through in the actions of the younger kids,"

said the cyclist's mother after the race.

Warm head, warm heart

Second-grader Beckett Woolley spent his holiday season making fleece hats for the homeless. Beckett said he'd been sad to see homeless people by the side of the road in Boston and wanted to do something to help.

Beckett donated the hats to Bridge over Troubled Water, an organization that helps teens and young mothers, where his dad used to work.

Eagle Scouts

Dylan Marat traveled the country and the world and represented Troop 28 in the Order of the Arrow, the scouting honor society. For his capstone project, he updated signage at the 60 Elm St. senior housing units.

Reagan Butler spent

many a summer at Camp Squanto, both as a camper and as a counselor. For his Eagle Scout project, he built an enclosure for the dumpster at the Art Center so it wouldn't detract from the sculpture garden.

George Bryan led his troop as a den chief, a patrol leader, and finally as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, helping to plan excursions and troubleshooting during camping events. His capstone project was to complete the walking trails at George Ingram Park, connecting three previous Eagle Scouts' projects.

Quentin Hill installed benches and cleared brush so the Osgood School could make better use of its outdoor classroom. He helped out behind the scenes at regional events as a member of the Order of the Arrow, and played a big role in helping younger scouts make ranks.

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OUR VIEW

The Old Man and the Kid

From the time he was first a Kid with an empty logbook and the endless possibility the blank sheets of paper symbolized, the Old Man dutifully logged the events of the day.

There were a lot of bad ones, to be sure. For whatever reason, so many beloved people had died that when someone reviled came to his end, the joke was that the Old Man had finally done what numerous assassination attempts and bringing the world to the brink of nuclear war couldn't.

Then there was that American presidential campaign, whose length was matched only by its vitriol.

And the guy who the Old Man thought sounded so angry, but for whom people cheered, when he was a frightened Kid rushing to get to the house ... he won.

But it would be up to the new Kid to sort out what happened next with that.

As he sat down to write his final log entry, the Old Man was ... tired. The youthful, aware-yet-optimistic energy he had as a Kid — once he got inside and stopped being frightened — was gone, having been replaced by weariness long ago.

And worse yet, he knew people hated him. He heard it all the time — "I just wish this year would be over!"

But the Old Man had tried so hard. He just wanted to be a good year, the year where

he had tried so hard. He just wanted to be a good year, the year where people stopped yelling at each other and stopped being angry and stopped hating each other, so no one else would have to be as scared as he was when he was a Kid.

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Yet he realized pretty quickly that it was a fool's errand born of both idealism and hope.

After all, he had read the logbooks; no one else throughout history had been able to make that happen, so what made him think he could?

"Families running away from a war aren't trying to kill people. They're just trying to keep from getting killed themselves," he wrote in one entry.

"Why do so many people say, 'Get back in the kitchen' (or worse) when a woman expresses an opinion?" he wrote in another.

Meanwhile, as the hour drew nearer, the Kid walked toward the house. Was he aware of what he was getting into?

Was anyone?

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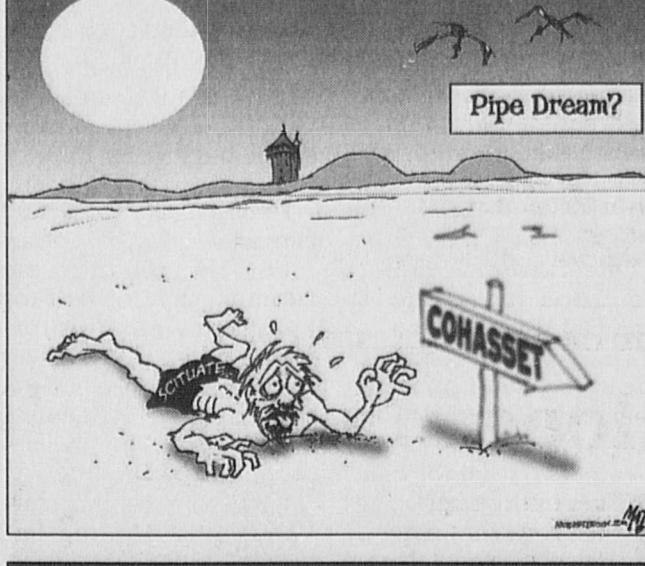
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Mat Brown's cartoons tell Cohasset's story



DON'T MISS THIS

Registration for preschool

Preschool registration for the 2017-18 year at Joseph Osgood Preschool begins Jan. 3. Children who turn 4 by Sept. 1, 2017, are eligible to register for the program, which is held four half

days per week, Mondays through Thursdays.

Entrance is based on a lottery system. Registration applications are available on the Cohasset Public Schools district website, cohassetk12.org, or at the Student Services Office. Applications should be returned to the Student Services Office, 143 Pond St., no later than Feb. 3. The lottery will be held at

1 p.m. Feb. 10, and parents will be notified the week of Feb. 17. A birth certificate and proof of residency must accompany applications.

For information: 781-383-6104.

VIV'S GIVE

Diaper campaign 'a great success'

Scituate non-profit to help 100 South Shore families

By Ruth Thompson rthompson@wickedlocal.com

Since she founded Viv's Give just under two years ago Liz Conrad continues to find ways to assist families in the South Shore area.

Her latest endeavor is to supply diapers to 100 families in need for one child for an entire year.

"The 100-4-365 campaign was a great success," Conrad said. "We exceeded our goal of \$15,000."

Last month a fundraiser was held at the Barker Tavern featuring popular local band, the Aldous Collins Band. More than 100 people were in attendance, Conrad said.

The total amount that was raised for the campaign was over \$18,000, she said.

Viv's Give is a non-profit organization that provides families with such things as diapers, baby formula, baby food, and snacks. Conrad named the organization after her young daughter, Vivienne.

"We partnered with (The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) WIC, Bay State Community Services, Inc., and Health Imperatives so each of us will select 25 families, mostly from the South Shore, to surprise with the diapers for a year," Conrad said.

The diapers would be delivered to the families, Conrad said.

The idea for the campaign came to Conrad when she was out on a walk with her husband, Adam, she said.

"I told him I wanted to do something big."

Once the word was out, Conrad said people really got on board.

Sponsors include Mountain One Bank, Jean DiGiacomandrea, Goodwin Graphics in Cohasset, and Oceanside Design and Illustration in Cohasset, among others.

"I'm just blown away by the community support," she said. "Babies are our most innocent people in the world and everyone can relate to that."

Viv's Give is always accepting diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6. Items



The response to Viv's Give's 100-4-365 campaign has been wonderful, according to the organization's founder, Liz Conrad. COURTESY PHOTO

may be dropped off at Mountain One Bank, 54 Front St., at Scituate Harbor.

For more information on Viv's Give visit vivsgive.com/home.html. Or find them on Facebook under Viv's Give.

Follow reporter Ruth Thompson on Twitter @scituateruth.

LIBRARY CORNER

Note holiday hours this weekend

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Holiday Hours: The library will close early on Saturday, Dec. 31st at 1 p.m. The library will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at 10 a.m. Please use our book drop to return library materials.

Movie Matinee at the Library: Enjoy a free, daytime movie at the library

on Friday, Jan. 6th at 11 a.m. We will show the film *Florence Foster Jenkins*. Free admission. Sandwiches provided by Shaw's of Cohasset. Refreshments are courtesy of the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Sunday Author Talk: Author Amy Hassinger will give a talk about her new book *After the Dam on Sunday*, Jan. 8th, at 4 p.m. Free admission. Seating is limited. Sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodeale Insurance, and A Taste

For Wine & Spirits.

Reel World Film Series: The library will show the independent documentary film *Beyond Recognition* at the library on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. This timely film follows two members of a Native American tribe as they struggle to protect their ancestors' burial places from urban sprawl near San Francisco. This 2014 film is in English and Chochenyo and runs for 25 minutes. Free admission. Refreshments served.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

Hope in a New Political Era



BILL TURPIE

As she sings the praises of Garfield, Candace Millard portrays his running mate as a complete loser, chosen at the last minute to step into the unimportant role of Vice President. Chester Arthur was a political hack, who had no qualifications to be President.

As Garfield is dying, public attention focuses on Arthur's questionable character and concern over what will happen when he does become President. He not only had been forced out of his job as custom's collector because of greed, but he had worked during the early months of Garfield's administration to secure appointments to the cabinet of individuals who were corrupt and inept. Public sentiment grows more unfavorable and political cartoons of the day portray him as a buffoon.

Garfield finally dies and as Arthur becomes President his critics are prepared to attack him as an inept and dishonest politician. Before they can do that he changes! Arthur turns his back on those who had selected him for the vice presidency and were hoping to use their access to affect policies and reach into the treasury for their own gain. He surprises the critics, defies his cronies and leads his administration in becoming a bulwark of decency and honesty. What happened to this inept and unqualified figure? Historians have puzzled over that question for decades, until a series of letters emerged nearly 80 years after his tenure in office.

During the weeks that Garfield lingers, an unknown woman starts writing Chester Arthur a series of letters. Her name is Julia Sand, she is 31, single, an invalid living with her brother in Brooklyn. She is the youngest child of an immigrant family of eight children. No one learns about her and her letters until 1958 when twenty-three of them turn up after a sale of Chester Arthur's papers to the National Archives.

Her first letter reaches Arthur just before Garfield dies in early September. She writes, "The day [Garfield] was shot, the thought rose in a thousand minds that you might be the instigator of the foul act. Is not that a humiliation which cuts deeper than any bullet can pierce?" She goes on. "Your kindest opponents say, 'Arthur will try to do right' - He won't succeed." She points out they also say, "Making a man president can not change him."

But she doesn't leave the thought there, instead Julia Sand uses a clever weaving of affirmation and challenge to admonish Arthur that change is possible, "...But making a man President can change him! Great emergencies awaken generous traits, which have lain dormant half a life. If there is a spark of true nobility in you, now is the occasion

to let it shine. Faith in your better nature forces me to write to you - but not to beg you to resign. Do what is more difficult & brave. Reform!"

Julia Sand's letter reaches Arthur in his lowest moment and this man from whom nobody expects anything good actually changes! He refuses to appoint people who want to benefit financially by gaining a role in his administration. He turns his back on his mentor who got him his customhouse job and refuses to meet with him. He endorses the bill that establishes the civil service system, which does more to cut graft out of the federal government than almost anything else. In fact, after the passing of the civil service act, Arthur admits he would not be eligible for a government job because of his questionable past.

All through his presidency Chester Arthur receives Julia Sand's letters and mostly takes her advice. The result is that his Presidency is considered one of the best up until that point. Mark Twain, who's cynicism could make or break public opinion says: "Is not this one of the best administrations this country has had?" A well known journalist of the time says, "No man ever entered the Presidency so profoundly and widely distrusted, and no one ever retired . . . more generally respected."

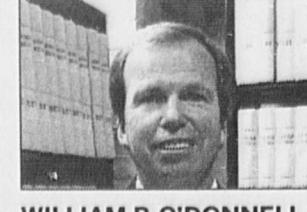
Chester Arthur's change is not based on a religious conversion. Instead, he is able to raise his game and fire up his better angels because of the literary gifts of an unassuming woman. How this could happen is not clear. But I see a wonderful mystery at work where the divine uses a frail human instrument in the form of a sick woman to bring just the encouragement and wisdom this leader needs and is looking for.

Who knows what hope may be at work even now?

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GOOD DEEDS

YEAR IN REVIEW: Making a list and checking it twice



WILLIAM P. O'DONNELL

The reason for the success of a list is quite obvious: they are concise and straight to the point. Even Santa has a list, and he checks his twice!

free program, started in 2015, allows any county resident to opt in and be alerted when any document is recorded against their name. To sign-up, please see our website at: www.norfolkdeeds.org.

■ **Protecting the Consumer Part Two:** In 2016, we received a record high 11,000 - and still counting - homestead documents. The law provides for limited protection of one's home against an unsecured creditor's claims up to \$500,000. You can download a copy of the application from our website.

■ **A Historic Milestone.** The Registry has been around for a long-time, since 1793 when George Washington was President. This year we completed our 34,000th book of land transactions. Today, for the sake of security and consumer convenience, we maintain related documents in 3 forms: hard copy, electronically and on microfilm.

■ **Blending the Old with New:** While we have land documents back to the 1700's, the Registry has seen a record number of electronic filers, with more than 40,000 documents recorded electronically.

■ **Now You See It:** The Internet library of images, accessible to the public through the Registry of Deeds' online research at www.norfolkdeeds.org, continues to expand. Today all documents - dating back to 1793 - are available for viewing.

■ **A Banner Fiscal Year:** The Registry in 2016 collected more than \$50 million in revenues for Norfolk County and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

■ **Protecting the Consumer:** This year we celebrated our 500th Consumer Notification Service subscriber. The

■ **Legislative Accomplishments:** The Registry of Deeds was able to have our Tech Fund extended to the year 2020, for IT related expenses. Furthermore, we were able to provide input to the Legislature with regards to the Public Records Law so that registries remain responsive and cost efficient.

■ **Community Outreach Service:** A large part of our service deals with coming to you; whether it's office hours in each of our communities or providing free computer hands-on-training seminar in the community or at the Registry of Deeds in Dedham. We are also proud of the Registry's commitment to provide assistance to those less fortunate in our county. This year, the Registry celebrates our 10th anniversary of conducting food drives and donating to local pantries. We are also a participant in the Toys for Tots drive and are working with newlife Home Refurbishing to collect household items for those in need.

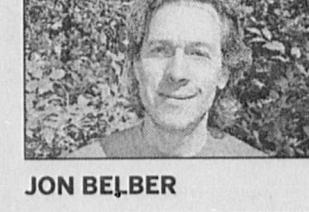
Well, that's our top ten list for 2016. Happy New Year!

—Around The Real Estate Block: Cohasset property sales totaled 21 for November 2016. The average property sale price (including residential and commercial) for November was \$889,779. Homestead filings for November were 16. There were 0 foreclosure deeds filed against Cohasset properties for the month of November.

William P. O'Donnell is Norfolk County Register of Deeds.

GROWING ON THE FARM

Some reflections from off the farm



JON BELBER

The wooden bridge that takes you across the Gowanus Canal leads to a new Whole Foods, where parking is often fraught with well-meaning Prius drivers, fixed-bike riders and small cars trying to make a commitment to healthy, organic produce served without attitude, but rather for sustainable living folks who are navigating the new homes, streets and warehouses of the country's second largest borough.

The Whole Foods, like many throughout the nation, are filled high with organic produce from California to local New York island kale and beets at this time of year. One can also find aisles of other nearby products for the beverage enthusiast to the soap seeker and all the way to the cheese monger who craves artisanal varieties from upstate, either Goshen New York or Goshen, Vermont. For those willing to put their money where their body wants to be, this Whole Foods Brooklyn is the place to be, to shop and to even eat your next seven meals.

For there is also a sushi bar, a breakfast sandwich outpost and a shade grown, fair trade ethically sourced coffee bar which offers everything from drip coffee to tall and small espressos. But where are the farmers? What are they to do when presented with the option of selling to this food mecca, where everyone shops, for a wholesale price?

A farmer could easily sell

directly to the customer without having to pay a distributor or middle person. A farmer could spend a morning or a 4 hour chunk of time to come to know the customer and weekly visitor to their stand. Mutually, they could build a relationship and reliability for good food. But are the farmers far away now that Winter is here? Is the market closing down for the season? There are so few people there, many used to go when it was quieting down in Autumn.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Earth-friendly projects for green Cohasset

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Green Communities grant projects

The Alternative Energy Commission worked hard in 2015 to secure Green Communities grant funding for Cohasset. The initial grant of \$141,460 covered exterior lighting retrofits at the high school, Deer Hill, Osgood, and DPW. These are projected to save the Town 2.5 percent in energy costs.

The old lights had to be replaced every year, and the Town had to rent a lift to reach them, not to mention hiring a contractor to do the job. With the new, more-efficient, longer-lasting LED bulbs, replacements will only have to happen once every 10 years instead of annually.

Looking ahead to 2017, the committee plans to put the next round of funding toward thermal energy reductions.

Electric vehicles

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is running an Electric Vehicle Incentive Program that offers rebates for electric vehicles and charging stations. Cohasset was awarded a grant of \$33,000 to introduce electric and hybrid vehicles to the municipal fleet, as well as install charging stations in three key locations around



town.

The cars hit the road in December. Look for the charging stations in the new year!

Solar

On Nov. 16, the Planning Board gave the go-ahead for the solar panel installation that Alternative Energy had been trying to build on the old Cedar Street landfill for five years.

Permitting was the

major delay in 2016. To build on the site, the Town needed a post-closure use permit guaranteeing that the landfill complied with environmental regulations. But first, it needed a closure permit, stating that the landfill had been properly closed and capped back in 1995.

That permit should have been granted when the landfill closed, but for some reason it was never

issued. Both permits are now being processed by the Department of Environmental Protection. Once the formal paperwork arrives, Palmer Capital can begin construction, likely in January.

Drought

Most of Massachusetts suffered from severe drought in the summer of 2016. While conditions were similarly dry across

the South Shore, Cohasset was the only local town that did not have to enact stringent water restrictions until late in the summer.

Cohasset uniquely has not one, but two drinking water supplies: Lily Pond, and the backup supply, the Aaron River Reservoir. Thanks to the reservoir, Cohasset has not needed to enact emergency water conservation measures since the late 1990s, though there

have been advisories and restrictions.

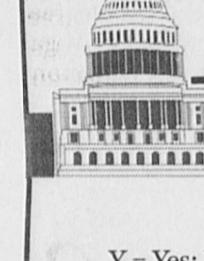
In September, the town inked an agreement with Scituate so that Cohasset's abundance of water could be shared with its neighbors if conditions got any worse. Fortunately, wet weather returned in the fall, and watering restrictions were lifted in November.

Streetlights

Cohasset has finalized a purchase and sale agreement with National Grid, which will put 511 streetlights into the Town's ownership – and into the queue for conversion to brighter, longer-lasting, and more efficient LED lights. The Town will pay just under \$14,000 for the lights.

The agreement took over a year to reach due to discrepancies between what National Grid said the Town would be buying, and what the Town actually found when it sent a consultant out into the field. Most of the "missing lights" were attributable to irregularly shaped lots or changes of address.

Some non-operational lights were found and have since been repaired. The utility is crediting the Town for the time that those lights were out of order, as well as for a couple of lights that simply didn't exist. The Alternative Energy Commission is looking into a streetlight conversion grant for 2017.



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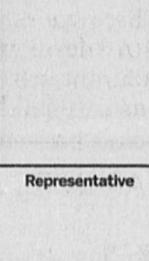
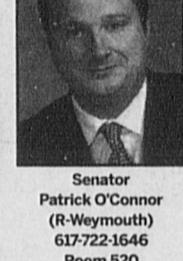
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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

The 2016 session ends on January 3, 2017. Any bills that are not approved by that time by both branches and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker are dead but can be referred for the 2017-2018 session.

Beacon Hill Roll Call's research shows that there are 20 bills that have been approved unanimously by the Senate but have been stuck in a House committee for several months. With no opposition in the Senate, observers question why the bills are stalled in the House.

Under House rules, any individual representative can move to discharge most bills from the Ways and Means Committee. There is a 7-day waiting period prior to the House considering the motion to discharge. The discharge motion must receive a majority vote of the members present. If the measure is discharged from the committee, the committee has four days within which to report the measure for placement on the House's agenda for action.

A bill may also be discharged from the Ways and Means Committee by any representative by filing a petition signed by a majority of the House. The bill would then be discharged seven days later and go onto the House agenda for the next session.

A state legislator who spoke on the condition of anonymity told Beacon Hill Roll Call that it's possible that some bills are being stalled because someone in a high position either inside or outside the Statehouse is opposed to it. "If a powerful person wants the measure held up, there is little that a rank and file representative can do," the legislator said. "Many years ago, legislators would make motions to discharge a bill from a committee and bring it to the full House for debate and a vote. That rarely, if ever, happens anymore. And in the rare case that it does happen, the motion usually fails."

Another state legislator who wished to remain anonymous said, "The truth is that any single representative has to power to try to discharge a bill but few try for fear of offending the leadership and committee chairs."

Beacon Hill Roll Call asked Gov. Baker's office, House Speaker Bob DeLeo's office and Ways and Means chair Brian Dempsey's office why the bills are still stuck in the Ways and Means Committee. The answers were standard and vague.

Elizabeth Guyton, spokesperson for Gov. Baker, said, "I will refer you to the House Way and Means for info on their process."

Seth Gitell, the spokesperson for DeLeo, said, "These bills remain under consideration by the respective committees."

Colleen McGonagle, the spokesperson for Dempsey, responded, "The bills are under review in House Ways and Means."

Here are seven of the bills that were approved unanimously by the Senate and are stuck in the House Ways and Means committee.

CLIMATE CHANGE (S 2092)

On January 28, 2016, the Senate 36-0, approved a bill designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and develop a long-term action plan to address the consequences of climate change in the Bay State. The measure requires the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2020; 35-45 percent below 1990 levels by 2030; 55-65 percent below 1990 levels by 2040; and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Another provision requires the state to develop a comprehensive plan to protect and ensure the preservation, protection and restoration of the state's "built and natural environment" from the risks of climate change. The plan, updated every ten years, also authorizes the state to buy back at-risk coastal land from current owners for preservation.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Vinny deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Patrick O'Connor	Was not yet elected
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

BAN FRACKING (S 2309)

On June 9, 2016, the Senate 36-0, approved a bill that would place a ten-year moratorium on fracking in Massachusetts. Fracking is a controversial method of drilling that involves high-pressure water, often tainted by toxic chemicals, drilled at the rock to release the gas inside.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Michael Brady

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Sen. Brian Joyce

Sen. John Keenan

Sen. Mark Montigny

Sen. Patrick O'Connor

Sen. Marc Pacheco

Sen. Michael Rodrigues

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Taking care of business in Cohasset

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Blu Mussel Tavern

Acclaimed local chef and restaurateur Anthony Ambrose always wanted to live in a barn. So, he installed wooden barn doors at his new restaurant, Blu Mussel Tavern, which opened the last week of April.

The sliding barn doors are just one of many features that make this rustic-urban, shabby-chic tavern a real gastronomical transformer, suited for any crowd or purpose. The dress code, too, is flexible, and high-profile beers share tap-space with local micro-brews: there's a little something for everyone.

Ambrose believes guests shouldn't need a thesaurus to make sense of the menu, and they should never leave a restaurant hungry. That's why traditional pasta dishes reside alongside sashimi and flatbreads on the menu, and food arrives on oversized platters to satisfy even the largest of appetites.

Perch 143

Perch 143 fills a critical gap in the Cohasset dining landscape by giving folks an option that's more than a pizza shop but less than a formal sit-down restaurant. And the mid-range prices reflect that, with daily \$14 dinner specials in addition to reasonably priced apps and entrees.

The owners spent most of 2016 developing the new restaurant, but their meticulous care paid off: diners

can't get enough of the new place. Some have already established themselves as "regulars" in the few short weeks since the restaurant's opening Dec. 10.

To make room for the new businesses, Rudolph Adamo Salon and the connected Day Spa relocated to 114 Front Street in Scituate Harbor, close to Riva's pizza parlor, the movie theater, the waterfront, and plenty of parking.

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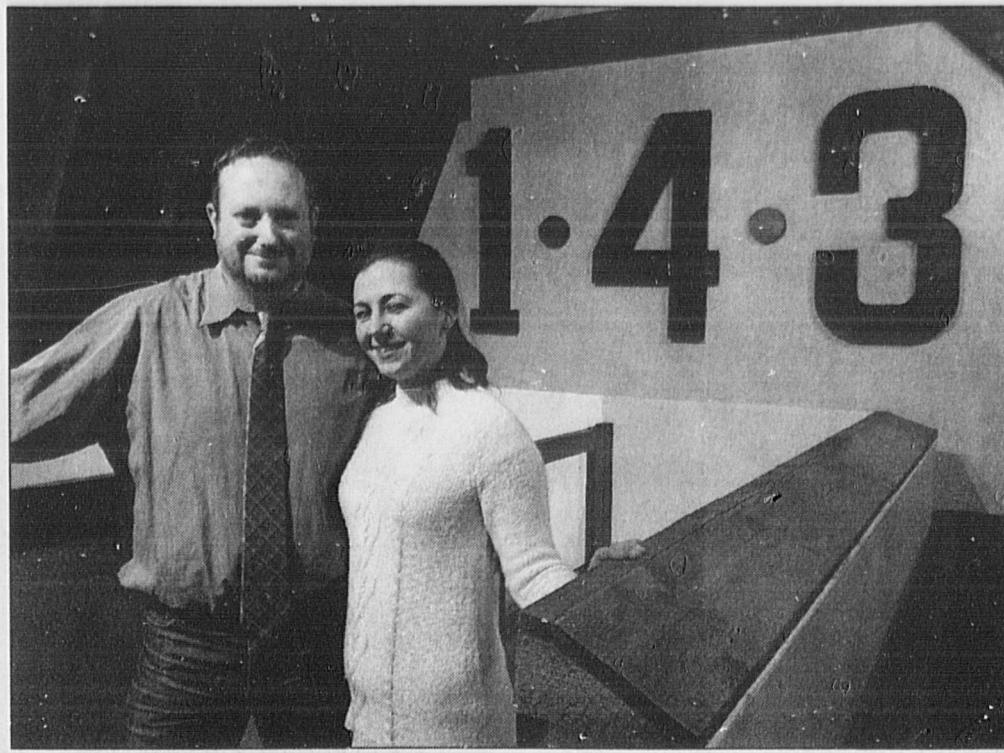
OutsideIn, Cohasset's outdoor and athletic apparel shop, got a "Best of Boston" award for its selection in men's apparel. It's not just sweat-wicking shirts for running or hardy pants for hiking. When choosing her stock, owner Tracey Cameron looks for clothing that can serve more than one purpose. For instance, plaid shirts and khaki pants offer comfort for activities like hiking but can later be worn to dinner.

"OutsideIn has a selection as vast as the great outdoors," said Boston Magazine.

Cameron said that customers come from as far as Boston or Duxbury to shop or rent beach cruiser bikes and stand-up paddleboards. Rentals are also popular with wedding parties.

South Shore Pool Supply

It's been a cool 50 summers in the pool business for Tracy Dieselman's family, owners of South Shore Pool Supply. It all started when Dieselman's parents, Dave and Bobbie Hall,



Managers Mike Hughes and Jacqui Shallow welcome guests to Perch 143, the newest restaurant in Cohasset, located on Stagecoach Way. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

built a pool at their home on Clapp Road in Scituate and quickly learned that there was no one around to help take care of it.

Dave ran the business out of their home for 25 years. Dieselman took the reins in 1991. Nine years ago, South Shore Pool Supply moved into its own storefront on 3A in Cohasset. They built the business on the purpose statement, "We make pool ownership fun, healthy, and hassle-free."

But professional success isn't the only blessing Dieselman enjoys at South Shore Pool Supply. According to employees, it's a happy place to work. "It has to be fun," Dieselman said. "If it's not fun, it's not worth it."

JJ's Junction

The popular ice cream destination had its last summer in the village as the owner opted to focus instead on the original JJ's location on 3A. Next summer, the beloved wooden train will be moved to that location, and the yard will be fenced in for safety.

OOFOS

OOFOS recovery footwear was spotted in the NFL this year. The L.A. Rams purchased them for the entire team, and the players reportedly love them.

The shoes were designed to turn ordinary walking time into recovery time for hard-pressed athletes, minimizing the impact of injuries and giving the body a chance

to heal from the daily physical trauma that comes from simply doing their job.

These walking shoes have come a long way since 2011, when Cohasset's Paul Brown and Hull's Lou Panaccione conceived the idea of an after-sport recovery shoe made of impact-absorbent foam.

"We make no claims," said Linda Jaros, Official Ambassador Program Director. "The shoe writes its own story."

French Memories

French Memories, the popular village bakery, celebrated 25 years of business this year.

Jean-Jacques Gabanelle runs the business with his wife, Anne, and their three daughters, Sophie, Emily, and Marie. Like the

founders, all the recipes come straight from France, and everything save for the donuts and cupcakes is baked from scratch right in the shop.

"Everything is made with butter and love," Jean-Jacques guarantees.

The Gabanelles aren't up for another 25 years, but they're in no hurry to get rid of the shop, either. Since none of their children are going into the family business, they're on the lookout for another young French couple to pick up where they left off.

My Gym

Dave Ames, a former Cohasset High School science teacher, opened a new My Gym franchise location in Cohasset on March 10, eight years after opening his first location in Norwell. My Gym is a children's fitness center with programming for kids up to 10 years old and as young as six weeks.

"People have the impression that babies are fragile," said Ames. "We help moms relax about their first child by showing them what their child can do."

Cohasset Hot Yoga

A hot new trend came to Cohasset this year. Hot yoga, also known as 'Bikram,' is a 90-minute series of 26 postures and two breathing exercises that are engineered to systematically work the entire body. Try it out in the 104-degree studio at Cohasset Hot Yoga in the Jonathan Livingston Seagull plaza.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Top marks for Cohasset police in 2016

By Amanda C. Thompson
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School Resource Officer

After coming up fiscally short in November, the state struck funding for the School Resource Officer position. But the Town of Cohasset is committed to keeping an officer in the schools, even if that means finding a different source of funding.

"When trying to overcome deficits, [the governor] should be more careful about where he makes the cuts," said Selectman Paul Schubert. "This is for safety education and alcohol education for the children and for the officer to be at the schools to get a more personal approach."

The police department has introduced Officer Jay St. Ives as the new School Resource Officer, following the reassignment of Sergeant Mike Lopes to another role in the department. Lopes will still be an active presence in the schools, police said.

Funding for Tasers

It was no shock to the board of selectmen when the police put in a request for Tasers in April. The department has asked for funding to provide conducted electrical weapons, i.e. Tasers, to its officers for two or three years running, but it was never in the budget until now.

A Taser provides one more option for an officer to deploy before reaching for a firearm, said Police Chief Bill Quigley. It's a good tool for confronting a mid-level threat. If somebody has a weapon, a Taser can create distance while still being effective.

Statistics show decreased injury to officers and criminal subjects alike when a police force is provided with Tasers, because it reduces hand-to-hand combat situations. In some cases, simply pulling a Taser, without actually using it, could prevent a confrontation altogether. When deployed, the weapon only serves to incapacitate the subject and causes no permanent damage.

The police department received its new Tasers in September, and officers were promptly trained. The all-day session included background and information about the Taser X2 model, hands-on practice, and, for seven brave volunteers, exposure to a live Taser shock.

Narcan upgrade

The Cohasset Police Department has been using the latest, greatest, and simplest Narcan nasal spray applicator on the market since May, thanks to a grant from South Shore Hospital's charitable foundation.

"It's like a Flonase if you take away the bottle: you just push," Medical Officer

Paul Wilson explained. The new dispenser delivers a higher dosage of naloxone and does it more efficiently, rather than losing life-saving medication in transit.

That means it's not just easier for first responders to save lives, but for friends and family members, who are often the true first responders in these situations. Having an option that doesn't require training or assembly makes it that much easier for them to save a loved one's life.

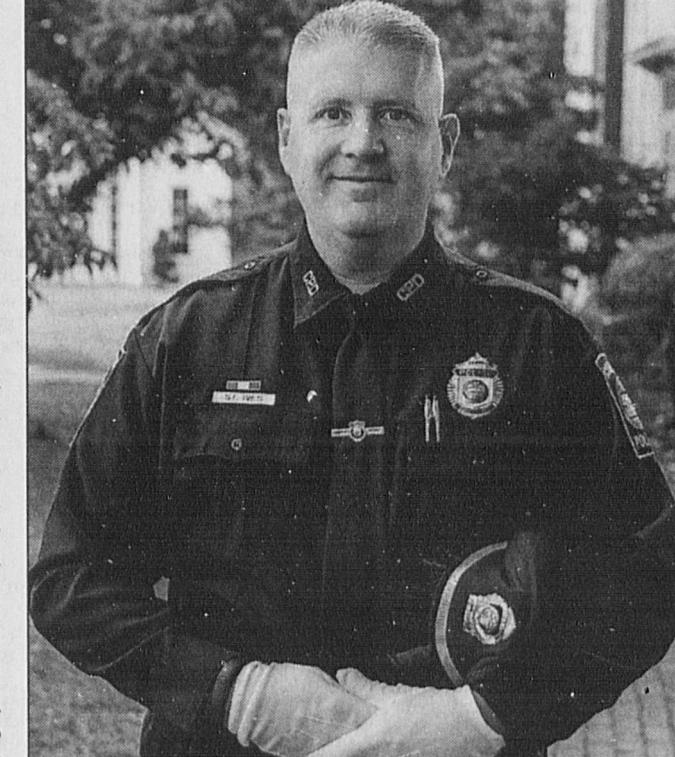
If you suspect that someone has overdosed on opioids, you still have to call 9-1-1, even if the Narcan seems to revive them.

Transgender policy

It can be awkward when an officer isn't sure how to address somebody, but their job is to treat everyone in the community with respect no matter what. The department's new transgender policy and recent training session have prepared officers to do that.

A simple question such as, "Would you like me to refer to you as 'Sir' or 'Ma'am?'" can go a long way toward communicating respect.

The policy wasn't spurred by any complaints or issues from the LGBT community," said Police Chief Bill Quigley. "We're just trying to extend our hand to that community and make sure we all understand each other."



Officer Jay St. Ives has taken over the post of School Resource Officer. COURTESY PHOTO

Animal services

Cohasset joined forces with Norwell and Hull to share animal services between the three towns. On June 14th, the board of selectmen voted unanimously in favor of the inter-municipal agreement. The three towns already share public safety resources through the South Shore Regional Emergency Call Center (briefly, "Shrek"), so regionalizing animal services was a logical next step.

Officials planned to track

animal service calls to get a better sense of what's needed in each community, when it's needed, and whether the distribution of hours will make the most effective use of the new employee's time. Hull, the "lead town" in this agreement, is covering benefit costs while Cohasset and Norwell provided a vehicle.

Good cops

In light of new police department hires, Chief Bill Quigley said there's one thing he values above all else in new recruits:

"I'm looking for people with a guardian mindset as opposed to a warrior mindset."

Cohasset Police Department isn't immune to the issues facing communities across the nation today, like opiate abuse and domestic violence, but it does seem to be immune to the negative stigma that has attached itself to police in recent months, and the guardian mindset probably has a lot to do with that.

"It's more about educating people. I would rather have a conversation with someone and have them learn than discipline them," said one new recruit.

Quigley said the training received by new recruits today is "superior," but young new recruits can also teach veterans in the department. New police are dealing with crimes their seniors never even heard of at the academy – internet fraud, cyberstalking, active shooters. They're also more comfortable with new technology coming into the department.

But the most important thing is that they add a comfort factor for people who are uneasy around police. For a townie to interact with an officer who grew up here, or a young subject to interact with an officer who's also young, make the police a little more approachable, and in an era when trusting the police is very out of vogue, that can go a very long way.



SPORTS

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SPORTS NOTES

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BAY STATE GAMES

High School Ambassador Program applications

Applications are currently being accepted for the Bay State Games High School Ambassador Program. Motivated, responsible and enthusiastic young men and women, currently in high school, who are interested in studying sports / event management or marketing in college are invited to apply. Ambassador for every high school athletic program in Massachusetts.

High School students selected as Bay State Games Ambassadors for their school will gain valuable hands-on experience in the field of sport management and marketing. They will also be able to build their resume for college applications and fulfill volunteer hour requirements.

Students selected as High School Ambassadors will promote Bay State Games competition, coaching and scholarship opportunities at their school. Ambassadors will also distribute Bay State Games materials, utilize their school's social media networks to promote upcoming events and gain event management experience by volunteering at Bay State Summer Games competitions in July.

Student ambassador recommendations from athletic directors and coaches as well as individual applications from interested high school student-athletes are now being accepted. Additional details and an on-line application can be found at <http://www.baystategames.org/school-ambassador>. For more information contact Ashley Courville at Ashley@baystategames.org.

BAY STATE SKATING SCHOOL

Learn to Skate

Bay State Skating School has Learn-To-Skate classes offered in 12 Greater Boston rinks: Brookline, Cambridge, Cleveland Circle, Medford, Newton/Brighton, Quincy, Somerville, South Boston, Waltham, West Roxbury and Weymouth. Our emphasis is on having fun while learning to skate.

Bay State Skating School has become a Boston institution, teaching ice skating classes for children ages 4 1/2 to 18, for the last forty-eight years. Skaters learn recreational, hockey or figure skating skills at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. January is a great month for ice-skating.

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YEAR IN SPORTS



Cohasset's Elise Wimberly makes a move toward the Dedham net during Cohasset's 20-2 playoff win, Friday Jun 3 at Cohasset High School.

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Many memories made in 2016

Roll the highlight reel for Cohasset teams, athletes

By William Wassersug
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The sports year was a pretty good one for Cohasset sports, with teams and players making lots of memories.

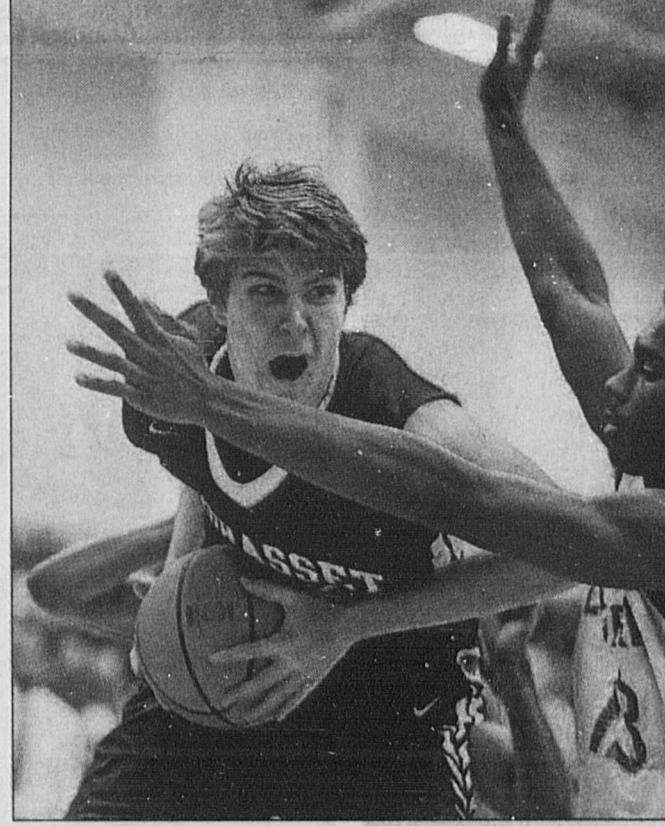
Here's a look at a few of the memories and great performances of 2016.

Things started well in the winter, with the boys basketball team battling all the way to the Div. 4 South Sectional Final.

The girls basketball team closed out an impressive 12-8 regular season with a playoff win over Nantucket.

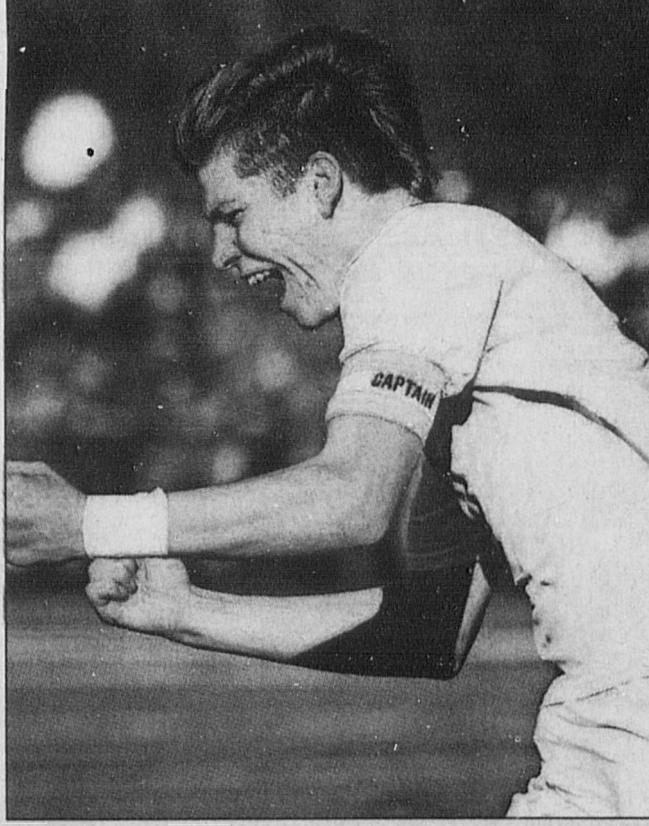
On the ice, the Skippers skated to a 12-8-1 regular season mark and also have a playoff win, interestingly enough, over Nantucket.

The girls hockey team

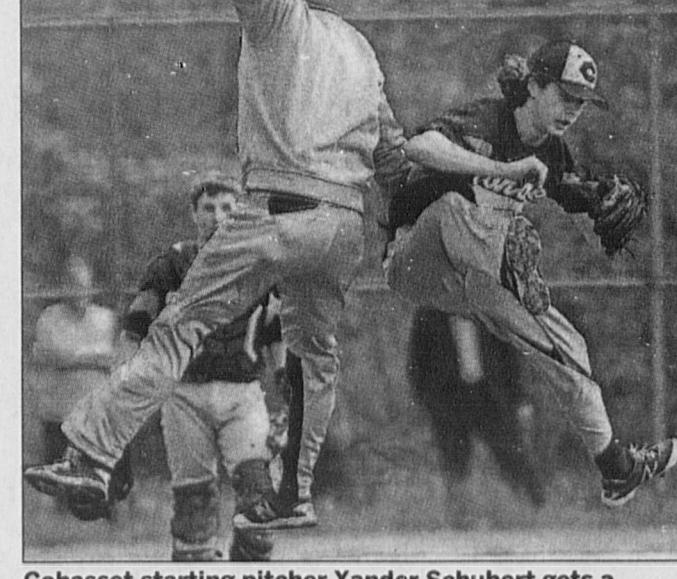


Cohasset's Chase Boneisler helped lead the Skippers to the Division 4 South final at Curry College against Cathedral on Friday, March 11, 2016. WICKED LOCAL STAFF

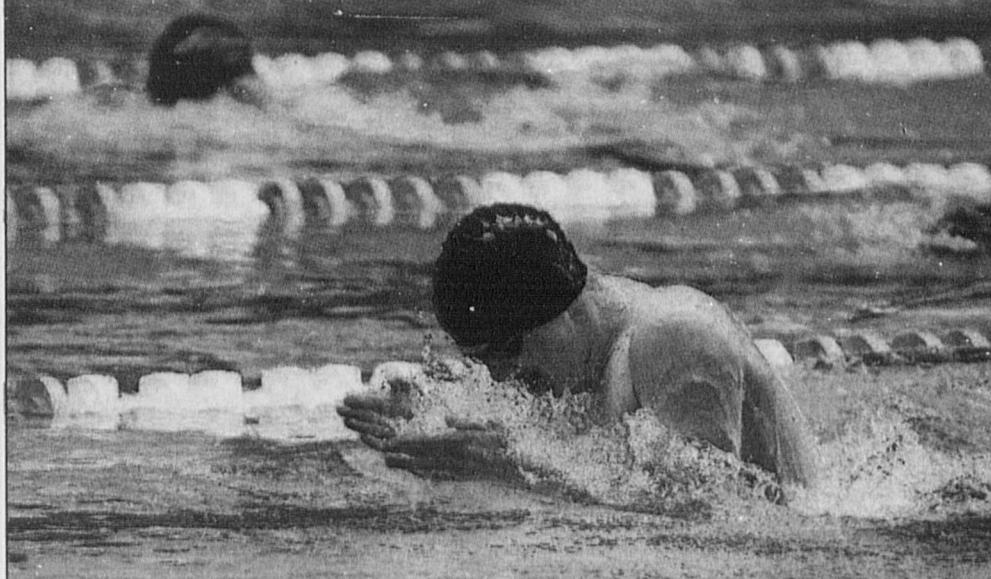
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Cohasset's Mathias Loft celebrates his goal that gave the Skippers a 2-1 lead over Monson in the Division 4 state title game at Milford High School on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN



Cohasset starting pitcher Xander Schubert gets a chest bump from head coach Michael Larsen after getting out of a jam. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN



Cohasset's Dean Spicer does the breaststroke during the 200 yard IM at the Division 2 state swim meet at BU on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN

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FAB FOUR

Undefeated ranks dwindling

Cohasset's Bomeisler tallies 24 to earn player of the week honors

By Chris McDaniel
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And then there were three. Even just a few weeks into the season, only the Braintree and Marshfield girls and Norwell boys remain undefeated (as of Dec. 22).

On the boys side of the poll, the top four teams remain the same but with a bit of shuffling. On the girls side, Abington enters the poll following a three-game winning streak. Hingham's removal from the top four may be harsh following a gutsy loss to Hanover, but I have no doubt the Harborwomen will only be on the bubble for a short period of time.

With Christmas tournaments on the horizon, the next version of this poll should see more movement. Records (accurate as of Dec. 22) and last week's ranking in parenthesis.

Boys

1. Braintree (2-1, 1) — A three-point loss to Brookline on Dec. 20 isn't enough to knock the Wamps out of the No. 1 position.

2. Hingham (2-1, 4) — The Harbormen bounced back from a 34-point loss against Quincy with an impressive win against Hanover at home.

3. Norwell (2-0, 3) — Once again, the Clippers are off to a hot start. Norwell is hoping to continue the momentum picked by winning the season opener against Dennis-Yarmouth on a buzzer-beater.

4. Hanover (4-1, 2) — The Indians have the talent, on Thursday they showed the grit. Hanover rallied from a nine-point deficit with three minutes left to defeat Whitman-Hanson, 52-49, on Thursday on the final shot of the game.

On the bubble: Carver (2-1), Rockland (2-1)

Players of the week
Mason Lopes, Sr., Plymouth South: Lopes scored

the go-ahead basket in a Dec. 20 66-65 win over Plymouth North. He finished with 16 points and 23 rebounds.

Jake Smith, Sr., Norwell: Smith netted 20 points and 15 rebounds during Dec. 20's 57-43 win over Randolph.

Chase Bomeisler, Jr., Cohasset: Bomeisler tallied 24 points in a losing effort against Carver on Dec. 20.

Nick Timberlake, Sr., Braintree: Timberlake scored 32 points and pulled down 10 rebounds during a Dec. 20 loss against Brookline.

Matthew Malone, Soph., Norwell: During Norwell's season opening win over Dennis-Yarmouth on Dec. 16, Malone collected a massive double-double with 22 points and 18 rebounds.

Matt Delahunt, Jr., Hanover: Delahunt finished with a team-high 22 points against Whitman-Hanson on Thursday, but his last three were the most important.

Delahunt hit a buzzer-beater 3-pointer to avoid overtime and defeat the Panthers, 52-49.

Friday's game of the week

Hingham vs. Foxboro/Westwood, 5 or 7 p.m. — On Thursday, Hingham will

match up with Walpole in the Westwood tournament.

Whether the Harbormen win or lose, Westwood or Foxboro will pose a stiff test in the consolation or championship game.

Girls

1. Braintree (3-0, 1) — The Wamps showed how talented they are in the opener scoring a whooping 93 points and winning by an almost unheard of 54 points. On Thursday, Braintree collected a marquee win, 66-56, over Newton North behind 23 points from Kealah Dixon.

2. Marshfield (4-0, 2) — The Rams continue to take care of opponents with ease.

Marshfield has won all four of its games by at least 15 points.

On Thursday, Marshfield rallied from a first-quarter deficit with a 25-5 run en route to a 58-40 win.

3. Hanover (3-1, 3) — All in all, it was a good December for the Indians. Hanover fell to Division 1 contender Bishop Feehan but held off Division 2 contender

Hingham on Dec. 20 for a marquee win. Hanover is off until Jan. 3, when it travels to Whitman-Hanson.

4. Abington (3-1, NR) — After opening the season with a loss to Brockton, the Green Wave have rattled off three consecutive wins including quality wins over Notre Dame Academy (Hingham) and Rockland.

On the bubble: Rockland (2-1), Hingham (2-1), Carver (4-2)

Players of the week

Joie Grassi, Sr., Plymouth North: On Dec. 19, Grassi led North to its first win of the year with an 18-point, 12-rebound effort against Plymouth South. The senior also had six assists.

Jenny Worden, Sr., Abington: Worden collected a double-double with 26 points and 16 rebounds in a Dec. 20 82-56 win over Rockland.

Jenna Roche, Jr., Braintree: On Dec. 20, Roche led the way for the Wamps with 23 points in a 93-39 win over Brookline.

Sydney Kehoe, Jr., Silver Lake: Kehoe scored 30 points in the Lakers' overtime win against Bridgewater-Raynham on Dec. 21.

Friday's game of the week

North Attleboro/Westwood at Hingham, TBD

The Harborwomen open with Whitman-Hanson in the Hingham Holiday Hoop Classic on Wednesday. Win or lose, North Attleboro or Westwood will be a marquee matchup in the next round of the tournament. Both teams started 3-0.

The Fab Four Basketball Power Rankings are decided with the help of several factors: record, strength of schedule, performance against teams and margin of victory. The public schools in our coverage area include: Abington, Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Silver Lake, and Weymouth. Send nominations for players of the week to cmcdaniel@wickedlocal.com or reach on Twitter @ ChrisMcDaniel88.

BOYS HOCKEY

Skating hard

By William Wassersug
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In Wednesday night action, Dec. 21 the Cohasset boys hockey team beat East Bridgewater 12-2 in a South Shore League contest to run its league record to 2-0 and their overall to 2-1.

Sophomore Connor Joslin led the scoring attack with

an eight-point evening with 2 goals and 6 assists. He was joined as a two-goal scorer by senior Jimmy Farren, senior Aidan McHugh, senior Thomas Durkin, and freshman Cam Joslin. Seniors Joe Campedelli and Brad Winn had solo tallies. Freshman goaltender Ethan Bartucca and sophomore Jack Mahoney combined for

Icemen beat EB, battle Hanover

the win.

In their next game, the Skippers lost a 4-0 game to defending Division 3 state champion Hanover, who improved to 5-0 with the win.

The teams (Cohasset and Hanover) were set to play a rematch Wednesday, Dec. 28 at Hobomock Ice Arena in Pembroke (results unavailable at press time).

BOYS BASKETBALL

Welcoming a new face into league

Cohasset gets first look at Middleboro

The Cohasset Mariner

both clubs, Cohasset was led in scoring by Chase Bomeisler with 22 points and 14 rebounds.

While balanced scoring was spread out among the others with Sam Lelio getting 7 and Max Davis coming off the bench to pour in 8 points along with 4 rebounds.

The score at the end of the first period was Cohasset leading 14-13 and then going on a big run in the second period outscoring Middleboro 20-6 with Bomeisler getting 8.

Max Davis scored all of his 7 points off great assists from Lelio, who finished with 8 assists on the night.

Middleboro closed the gap in the third period outscoring Cohasset 18-13 while hitting four three pointers in the period, but the Cohasset defense tightened in the last period holding them to

six points.

Along with Bomeisler's 14 rebounds, Tommy Carrabes pulled down 9 on the night.

Liam O'Connell played a steady game directing the offense.

The Skippers play two non-league games vacation week.

Tuesday, the Skippers were at South Shore Voke and Friday the boys are at home against Southeastern Regional.

In Tuesday's game, the Skippers downed South Shore Voke 71-40.

Thatcher Stone led the way with 17 points and Chase Bomeisler chipped in 14 and Sam Lelio added 12 points.

Mark Mahoney scored 11 as the Skippers improved to 3-1.

Results of both games were unavailable at press time.

REVIEW

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had a banner year with a 13-4-2 regular season and a trip to the tournament.

In the spring, the boys lacrosse team had a 13-7 record in the regular season while playing one of the more challenging schedules in the state.

The Skippers made it to the quarterfinal game where they

were knocked out by Norwell.

The girls lacrosse team was also outstanding, notching a terrific 13-3 regular season followed by a run to the Div. 2 South Sectional Final, where they were edged 10-9 by Norwell.

In the Sectional Semifinal, the Skippers dismantled an excellent Scituate team 15-3.

In the fall, the football team qualified for the Tournament and the field hockey team went 15-3-0.

Cohasset got all the way to the Sectional Semifinal, where they lost 2-1 in overtime.

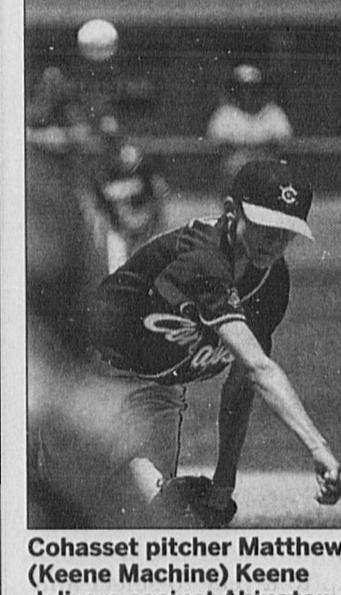
On the golf course, Mike McKelvey won the Division 3 South Sectional Tournament and finished in the top-10 at States.

The boys and girls tennis teams also had solid years.

There were plenty more memories and great performances, and hopefully there will be many more great ones in 2017.



Kate Quigley controls the ball against Carver. COURTESY PHOTO



Cohasset pitcher Matthew (Keene Machine) Keene delivers against Abington in a 10-0 mercy rule shortened victory for Cohasset in the Williamsport District 8 Tournament, July 2 in Hanover. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

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We have attached a sheet of days and times of lessons in the various rinks, in case you would like to send a photographer and/or a feature writer to capture the fun and excitement as beginners take their first glide and see other skaters master new skills. Start a fun glide and see other skaters master new skills. Start a fun

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Season of change for local churches

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Reverend retires

Rev. Gary Ritts of Second Congregational Church announced his retirement in April.

Ritts and his wife Judy introduced a program that could be considered the church's greatest legacy: the Appalachia Service Project. Even students who did not go on the trip heard of it through friends, and maybe even helped with fundraising. A board of directors is in place to keep the program going.

Second Congo hired Interim Minister David Stryker to help with the transition. Congregational churches are governed by their people; they can't just install a new minister without due process and consensus from the church community. Some ministers are specially called to help churches through this time.

"There are nine churches closing their doors every day in America," said Stryker. "Thinking outside the box - that's what we need to do, and be bold in our thinking, not just do things the traditional way." But, he emphasized, it's "our vision," not "my vision."

Stryker will spend two years with Second Congo, helping the church envision its future and select the right pastor to lead it there.

Beechwood shuts its doors

They say that God closes doors sometimes, but

usually, they aren't talking about the doors of His Own house. In 2016, Beechwood Congregational Church closed its doors after 150 years of ministry.

A small core group kept the doors open, the music playing, and the coffee brewing on Sunday mornings long after the writing was on the wall. Members met for prayer and study at the pastor's home in Scituate. But the miracle they hoped for never came, and resources eventually ran out.

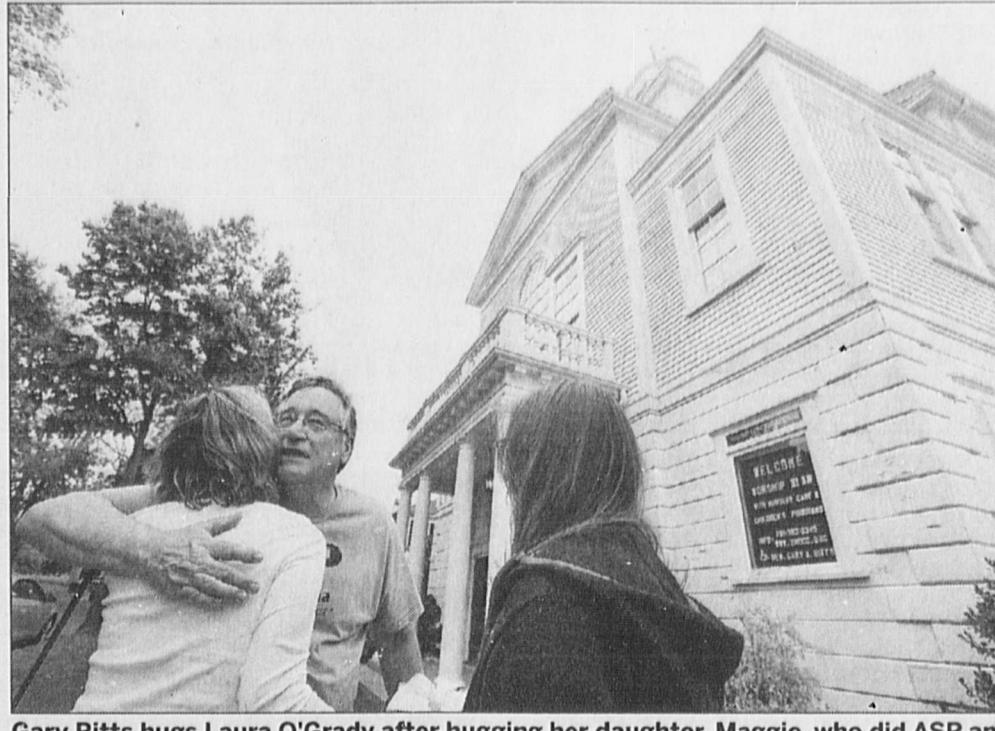
In its final years, the church hired a new pastor, Stephen McDonald, who now works at South Shore Baptist Church in Hingham. It also launched the youth coffeehouse Ground Level, which continues through partnerships with Sanctuary Church in Marshfield and the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition.

First Parish flooded

On February 15, the First Parish church on the Common was baptized from the bottom up when a pipe leak occurred late Sunday night and left the lower level thoroughly sodden by morning. The flood totaled most of the first story of the building except for the living room and the minister's office. Flooring, baseboards, and walls up to two or three feet all had to be removed.

Minister moves in

First Parish minister Jill Cowie announced her resignation in April. Her successor, Bob McKetchnie, took the summer to prepare



Gary Ritts hugs Laura O'Grady after hugging her daughter, Maggie, who did ASP and had dropped by to give their well wishes to Gary and Judy on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

and gave his first sermon the week school started back up in September.

McKetchnie grew up Catholic, but as he matured, he found that Unitarian Universalism was a much better fit for him. After working 16 years in the business and private sector, he moved to Massachusetts and went to divinity school at Andover-Newton Theology School.

He pastored First Parish in Medfield for 10 years before serving as an interim minister at churches in Greenwich, Fairhaven, and Attleboro. He was eager to take another permanent position, saying that he's a "people person" and likes getting caught up in the details of people's lives.

"Good ministry requires



Nick Pappas prepares wraps as a lamb roasts on a spit during the Nativity Assumption Greek Orthodox Church's Taverna on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016. The Taverna returned after several years absence to the delight of many.

WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / TOM GORMAN

deep listening," McKetchnie said. "I want to realize what they struggle with, and then I want to preach to that struggle. You don't preach to show how smart you are; you do it to reach the most people."

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Gretchen Sommerfeld of Arlington MA and Amy S. Paegel of Tucson AZ has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

A year of new faces for Cohasset schools

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Superintendent

Superintendent Barbara Cataldo announced in April that she would be retiring to spend more time with her family, especially her aging parents, who had just moved in to the superintendent's Needham home.

Cataldo's resume encapsulated 33 years in education, first as a teacher and then as an administrator. She came to Cohasset in 2011 and ended her time with the district on June 30th, 2016.

The School Committee initially said it could take up to a year to select and hire Cataldo's replacement. However, in October, the permanent role was offered to Louise Demas, who had been acting as interim since the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Demas has served the district since 2008, wearing several hats during that time. She was most recently Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

"I love Cohasset," said Demas. "I love districts where parents are involved. I have loved this district since the moment I walked in here."

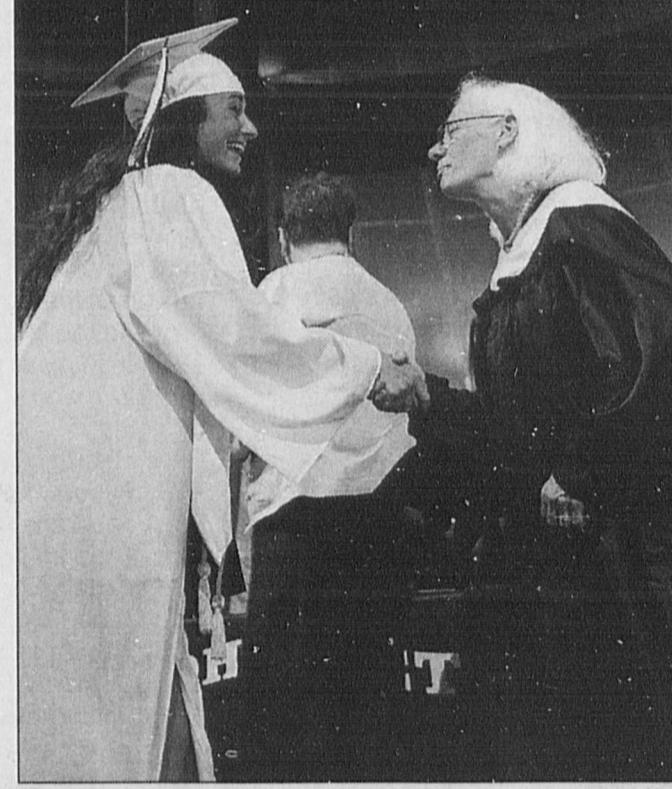
Interim assistant superintendent

After Louise Demas stepped up as interim superintendent, Sue Skeiber picked up the reins as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Development.

This isn't Skeiber's first rodeo with the district. Over the past three years, she's offered consulting services off and on, particularly with regard to the new school technology plan. For many, it was a relief to see her familiar face smiling out of the assistant superintendent's office, which will be hers through the end of the school year.

Business manager says goodbye

Dave DeGennaro, business manager for the Cohasset school system,



Student Council vice president Caelin McDonald is congratulated by school superintendent Dr. Barbara Cataldo after receiving her diploma at Cohasset High's graduation at the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

left the district to take a new position in Hull.

John Tuffy stepped in as interim business manager in July. Tuffy spent six years as the business manager for Silver Lake Regional School District in Kingston. He also served eight years as superintendent there. He retired in June 2015, but "after a year, it seemed like it was time to go back to work," he said.

The new superintendent will be responsible for hiring a permanent business manager with the help of the School Committee.

Teacher contract ratified

After five months of impasse, teachers and the School Committee finally agreed on a new contract in January. Teachers will be compensated for step and column increases, as they were under the old contract - in other words, the longer they stay with the district and the further they advance their education and training, the better they'll be paid.

Officials worried at first that the contract would be fiscally unsustainable, but

in the end, the schools only needed help supporting one line item: the special education budget, which is notoriously volatile, and for which a stabilization account has now been created to avoid this problem in the future.

Osgood Principal

Bob LeCount, beloved principal of Joseph Osgood School, retired this year. LeCount began his tenure in Cohasset as an adjustment counselor, a role he filled for 11 years. After taking a job elsewhere for a little while, LeCount returned to spend four more years in Cohasset as principal.

LeCount always had time for anyone who came through his door, whether student, faculty, or family member. And he made a point of knowing something about every student in the school, "whether that's a baby brother, a new bicycle, a puppy, or a learning situation," he said.

Principal Lisa Farrell was



Louise Demas was hired as permanent superintendent of Cohasset Public Schools.

WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

that LeCount had with students and families. She's also a huge fan of reading and hoped to encourage struggling readers by creating opportunities for them to enjoy the activity.

Farrell planned to take the first year as a learning experience rather than making any major changes right away. Getting her bearings and building trust within the Osgood community were her priorities.

Special Ed Stabilization Fund

Annual Town Meeting voters favored the creation of a special education stabilization fund to help offset the most volatile piece of the school budget. Year-over-year increase in special education spending can range from less than \$50,000 to more than \$400,000. Special Town Meeting voters supported a transfer of \$250,000 into the account.

Digital learning plan

The district began to roll out its Digital Learning Plan this year.

Osgood students get to practice coding with Bee-Bots - little toy bugs that kids can program to move in different ways. Kindergarten through third grade teachers can now incorporate an iPad "station" into their learning rotation. Stations allow students to work on specific skills and projects in small groups.

Deer Hill students use

Chromebooks for projects like blogging about assigned reading. Fourth-graders get to practice programming with a small robot that can be controlled with a smart device.

The Cohasset Education Foundation, PSO, and Capital Budget Committee played a major role in bringing Cohasset classrooms into the 21st century. Middle-High School students will provide their own devices so they can learn with the tools they'll later take with them to college and beyond.

Digital learning should reach the middle-high school in the 2017-18 school year, although some teachers have already introduced technology "try-its" to their classrooms with positive results.

School libraries

The Deer Hill library has been renamed "The Marjorie Murphy Library Media Center" in honor of the woman who made it so special for so many.

Soon the Middle-High School library will see its own upgrade from a "library" to a "learning commons." Like a media center, the learning commons will emphasize various forms of learning: in groups and by individuals, by book and by web, all in a bright, open environment.

The learning commons transformation will be funded by the Cohasset Education Foundation.

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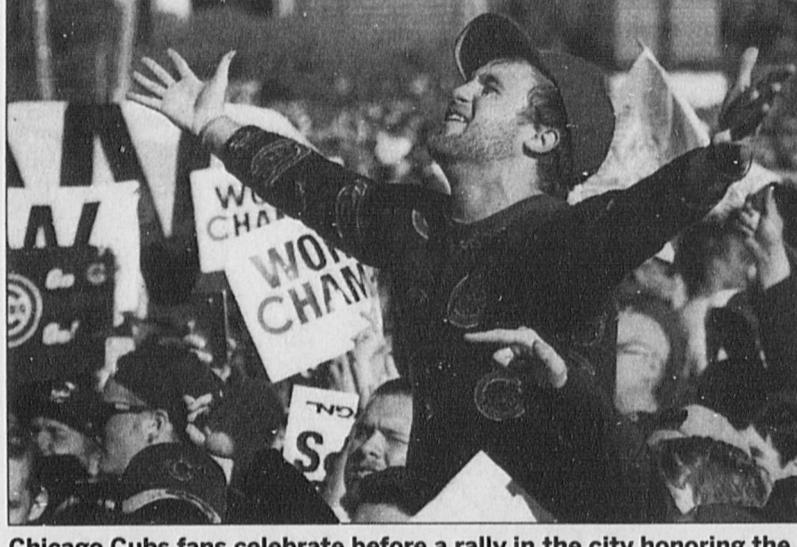
2016

YEAR IN REVIEW

A look at the unbelievable wins, and tragic losses

By Melissa Erickson
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Headlines that grabbed our attention in 2016 included a bitterly-fought and distasteful presidential election, a glorious Olympics, natural disasters and man-made tragedies, a worldwide gaming obsession and a sports curse lifted. Here's a look at some of the events that shaped 2016:



Chicago Cubs fans celebrate before a rally in the city honoring the World Series baseball champions in November. AP PHOTO/NAM Y. HUH

Next year is here

After a wait of 108 years and generations of heartbreak, the Chicago Cubs won their third World Series, defeating the Cleveland Indians Nov. 2 in epic fashion. The Cubbies overcame a three-to-one series deficit to win game seven 8-7 in 10 innings that included a 17-minute rain delay at Progressive Field in Cleveland.

At the end of World War II the owner of Chicago's Billy Goat Tavern attempted to attend game four of the 1945 World Series – the last the Cubs had played in until this year – with his pet goat. Denied entrance, he cursed the Cubs, allegedly proclaiming, "The Cubs ain't gonna win no more. The Cubs will never win a World Series so long as the goat is not allowed in Wrigley Field." The curse is lifted.



Deadliest US mass shooting

On June 12, 49 people were killed and dozens injured by a heavily armed gunman at Pulse, a popular Orlando, Florida, gay night-club. Police responded to shots fired as a gun battle ensued between Omar Mir Seddiq Mateen, an American-born man who had pledged allegiance to ISIS, and an off-duty officer working at the club as a security guard. Mateen carried an assault rifle and a pistol and held the police to a three-hour standoff while club-goers trapped inside desperately tried to escape, hid and messaged friends and family. Police crashed into the building with an armored vehicle and stun grenades and killed the shooter. The city of Orlando plans to turn the site into a memorial.

Zika virus in US

With no cure or treatment, the mosquito-borne Zika virus spread across South and Latin America before it gained a toehold in the United States in Florida and the Gulf Coast this summer. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported nearly 4,000 confirmed cases of Zika in the United States by early November. Many people infected with Zika don't have any symptoms or will only have mild symptoms such as fever, rash and joint pain. However, women infected with Zika during pregnancy are more likely to have babies with birth defects such as microcephaly, in which infants have abnormally small heads due to fetal brain damage.



President Barack Obama (from right), First Lady Michelle Obama, former President George W. Bush and former First Lady Laura Bush attend a memorial service in July for five Dallas police officers killed during a demonstration against nationwide officer-involved shootings. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Police, protests, guns and tragedy

Racial conflict and gun violence flared this year and left some in the public questioning police use of force, deadly attacks on police officers and the Black Lives Matter movement. The fatal police shooting of a New York Police Department sergeant in early November marked at least 116 officers who have died on duty in 2016, a 15 percent increase in line-of-duty deaths over the same time period in 2015, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. High-profile police shootings occurred across the country from Dallas, Texas, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Urbandale, Iowa. In response to police use of force, Black Lives Matter protesters vented frustration with police brutality after officer-involved shootings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota. Law enforcement groups accused Black Lives Matter protests of inciting violence against the police.

As President Obama addressed the nation saying the decision is ours "to make sure that our best selves are reflected across America, not our worst – that's up to us," the killings have continued.

Brexit

In a struggle for national and social identity, Great Britain voted to leave the 28-nation European Union on June 23. The shocking "Brexit" (short for "Britain's exit") vote simply asked: "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?" Pro-Brexit, or "Leave," advocates sought to protect or restore the country's national identity, culture and independence and opposed immigration. "Remain" voters argued that the country is better off economically staying in the union and that the economic consequences of leaving trumped concerns over immigration. Leave won 52 percent to 48 percent. After the vote, Prime Minister David Cameron stepped down and was replaced by Theresa May, former home secretary.

After an initial shock and a plummeting of the British pound, which still remains

near a 30-year low, the country is now

struggling to move forward and invoke Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, which gives

two years to determine terms of the split.

Going for gold

Team USA got off to a great start when 19-year-old Ginny Thrasher won the first gold of the 2016 Summer Olympics in women's 10-meter air rifle, and the team continued to dominate. The Rio Games, which marked the first Olympics held in South America, saw Team USA top the medal chart in every category for only the seventh time in Olympic history and the first since 1948, leading all nations with 121 medals, including 46 golds.



Thrasher

Here's a breakdown by the numbers:

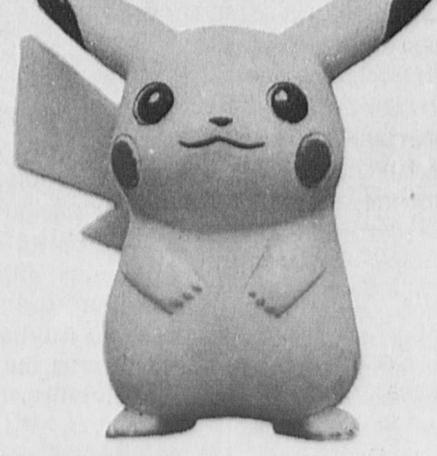
- 28: Swimmer Michael Phelps became the most decorated Olympian with 28 medals overall and 23 golds.
- 33: Medals won by swimmers.
- 61: Medals won by women.
- 210: Athletes took home medals.
- 1,000: Team USA won its 1,000th gold medal in summer Olympic history in Rio.



Phelps

Summer of Pokemon

People of all ages across the globe embraced a new viral sensation in July when Pokemon Go exploded onto the scene, becoming the top-grossing app just days after its release. The smartphone game featuring virtual creatures such as Squirtle and Pikachu was suddenly everywhere, blending the real and digital worlds. Players tasked with hunting for colorful creatures and treasures explored their cities and neighborhoods through the lens of their phones. The game's developers struggled to keep up with intense demand for the augmented reality game that is designed to appear as though players are capturing the creatures in the real world.



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Florida dodges bullet; Carolinas get soaked

The most powerful storm to threaten the Atlantic Coast in a decade, Hurricane Matthew left hundreds dead in Haiti and lashed out at the Caribbean but spared South Florida in early October, when it failed to move inland as far south as expected. With winds of 140 mph, Matthew was a punishing Category 4 storm that downgraded to barely a hurricane as it made landfall, with winds of 75 mph.

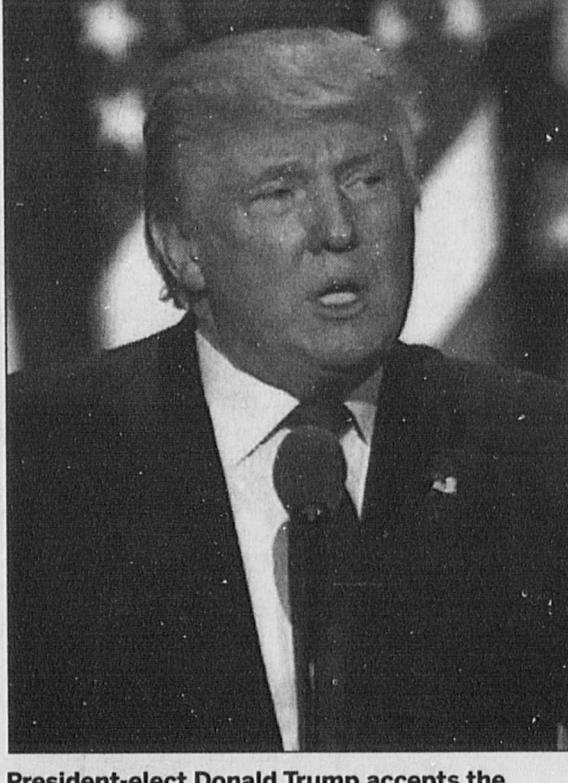
However, Matthew was blamed for at least 48 deaths in the United States. Georgia and the Carolinas were pummeled as the storm beat a



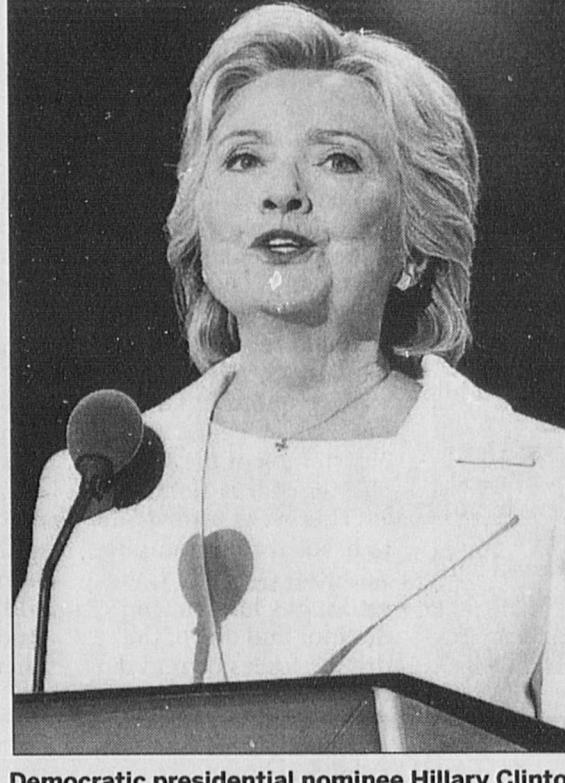
A National Guard high-water vehicle drives through flooded streets in Nichols, S.C., in October after Hurricane Matthew. AP PHOTO/RAINIER EHRHARDT

path up the coast. Bands of heavy rain led to record-breaking flooding in eastern North Carolina, according to

the National Hurricane Center, and authorities estimate the cost of flooding will exceed \$1.5 billion.



President-elect Donald Trump accepts the nomination at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in July. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton addresses supporters at the national convention in Philadelphia in July. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Election 2016

When anti-politician Donald Trump began his presidential run in mid-2015 by riding down a golden escalator flanked by his supermodel wife, hardly anyone in the elite circles of mass media and political governance took him seriously. But as time wore on, he showed the world he was Big League.

Here's a timeline of the craziest election year in memory: January: Several Republican candidates duke it out in debates. Trump battles firebrand Sen. Ted Cruz over issues such as birtherism and New York values. Libertarian candidate Gov. Gary Johnson enters the race, and self-styled socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders ignites a feud over Hillary Clinton's Wall Street speaking fees as the pair duke it out over the Democratic nomination.

February: Former tech CEO Carly Fiorina, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Republican heir apparent Gov. Jeb Bush end their campaigns. Trump continues to net cable news networks high ratings through entertaining and divisive rhetoric at the GOP debates. Democrat Martin O'Malley stops his White House bid, while Sanders erases Clinton's one-time 31-point lead in the national polls with a surprise win in the Michigan primaries.

March: Super Tuesday results in big wins for Trump and Clinton, while Cruz and Sanders both pick off enough states to remain in contention. The losses accumulated by Dr. Ben Carson and Sen. Marco Rubio spell the end of their campaigns, and Mitt Romney steps in to head a "Never Trump" movement searching for an alternative to the conservatives currently running.

April: Cruz kicks off a string of wins early in the month, and Sanders vows to stay in the race while conceding that he will support the nominee if it is Clinton. The Democrats hold a debate in Brooklyn ahead of the New York primar-

ies in which Sanders questions his opponent's judgment. Clinton's lead in national polling shrinks to a mere 2 points. Trump ends the month with an emphatic win in the GOP's New York contest, in addition to five other states. He begins turning his attention toward "Crooked Hillary" on Twitter and in interviews.

May: Sanders kicks off the month with another upset victory in the primaries, this time in Indiana. Just days after announcing Fiorina as his VP pick, Cruz ends his presidential bid when he fails to secure a victory in Indiana's GOP contest. A day later, Ohio Gov. John Kasich ends his run for the White House, leaving Trump as the sole Republican candidate still running. Libertarian Johnson is officially the third-party's nominee, Dr. Jill Stein makes some noise as the Green Party's candidate, and Sanders and Clinton split wins as her massive lead in party superdelegates allows her to pull ahead.

June: New Hampshire and California decide the Democrats' contest, handing Clinton wins that set her up to become the first woman to win a major party's nomination. Her ongoing email probe still dominates headlines as Sanders vows to stay in the race until the party's convention.

July: FBI Director James Comey recommends closing the investigation against Clinton over her private email server, and Attorney General Loretta Lynch accepts his suggestion not to prosecute the former secretary of state. Sanders officially endorses Clinton as the Democratic nominee and Cruz is booted off the stage at the Republican National Convention for refusing to endorse Trump.

August: New emails surface implicating the Clinton Foundation in a potential pay-for-play scandal with the State Department during Hillary Clinton's time there. With his poll numbers declining after weeks of tweetstorms and off-message remarks, Trump

shakes up his staff and fires campaign manager Paul Manafort, a Washington vet who was brought in to re-shape the candidate as more presidential.

September: Starting one of the worst stretches of her campaign, Clinton appears to faint at a 9/11 memorial and is seen on a cellphone video from a private event calling Trump's supporters a "basket of deplorables," which becomes a rallying cry for the opposition. In the final days of the month, the candidates prepare for what would be a searing debate watched by more than 80 million people.

October: The New York Times acquires Trump's 1995 tax filings, which suggest he hasn't paid income tax in more than 15 years. Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican Mike Pence square off in the first vice presidential debate, and anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks begins an archive dump that reveals the content of Clinton's speeches to Wall Street. An "October surprise" also rocks the Trump campaign, when leaked audio from 2005 shows Trump bragging about groping women. More leaks show that Clinton's campaign showed alarm over her private server and, in an unprecedented announcement, the FBI's Comey announces there will be further investigation into the content of her emails.

November: Concerns over Clinton's email saga continue, as she and Trump criss-cross the swing states of Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Those states would play a pivotal role in the election Nov. 8, when a silent majority turns out to give the bombastic billionaire a win in all of them – plus Wisconsin. Pundits and pollsters voice disbelief as regular Americans elect a total political outsider for the first time, considering it a vote of frustration and a referendum on the status quo. President Obama meets with president-elect Trump and prepares for a peaceful transition of power.

Notable deaths

A look at the celebrities and other notable figures who passed away in 2016:

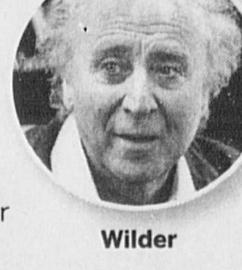
- David Bowie, 69: The music legend also known for his fashion and movie roles passed away Jan. 10.
- Alan Rickman, 69: The "Harry Potter" actor and "Die Hard" villain died of cancer Jan. 14.
- Dan Haggerty, 74: The "Grizzly Adams" star died Jan. 15.
- Glenn Frey, 67: The Eagles guitarist and co-founder died Jan. 18.
- Abe Vigoda, 94: The character actor in "The Godfather" and "Barney Miller" died Jan. 26.
- Maurice White, 74: The founder and leader of Earth, Wind & Fire died Feb. 3.
- Antonin Scalia, 79: The U.S. Supreme Court justice died Feb. 13.
- Boutros Boutros-Ghali, 93: The Egyptian diplomat and former United Nations secretary general died Feb. 16.
- Harper Lee, 89: Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "To Kill a Mockingbird" died Feb. 19.
- Sonny James, 87: The Country Music Hall of Famer died Feb. 22.
- George Kennedy, 91: The tough-guy character actor best known for "Cool Hand Luke" and the "Naked Gun" movies died Feb. 28.
- Bud Collins, 86: The Boston Globe columnist who helped to popularize the sport of tennis died March 4.
- Pat Conroy, 70: The author of "The Great Santini" and "The Prince of Tides" died March 4.
- Nancy Reagan, 94: The former first lady and widow of Ronald Reagan died March 6.
- George Martin, 90: The "fifth Beatle" best known as a producer for The Beatles died March 8.
- Keith Emerson, 71: The English prog-rock pioneer who rose to fame as the keyboardist for supergroup Emerson, Lake & Palmer in the '70s died March 11.
- Garry Shandling, 66: The comedian and "The Larry Sanders Show" star died March 24.
- Mother Angelica, 92: The folksy Roman Catholic nun who built a television ministry into a global religious media empire died March 27.
- Patty Duke, 69: The actress who won an Oscar for her teenage portrayal of Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker" died March 29.
- Merle Haggard, 79: The country music legend who had more than 30 No. 1 hits died April 6, his birthday.
- Doris Roberts, 90: The actress best known for playing the loving but meddling mom in the television series "Everybody Loves Raymond" died April 17.
- Chyna, 45: The professional female wrestler and model who billed herself as the "Ninth Wonder of the World" died April 20.
- Prince, 57: The music legend behind hits "Purple Rain" and "When Doves Cry" died April 21.
- Alan Young, 96: The actor, comedian and radio host played straight man to a horse for five years in the classic television series "Mr. Ed." He died May 19.
- Morley Safer, 84: The CBS News correspondent died just days after retiring on May 19.
- Muhammad Ali, 74: After a long battle with Parkinson's disease, the



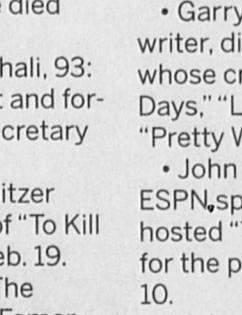
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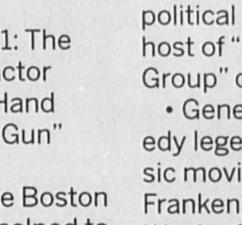
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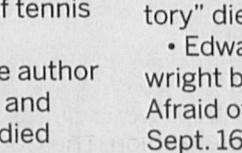
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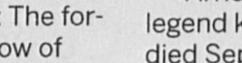
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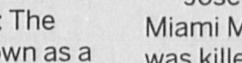
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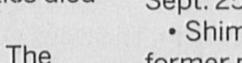
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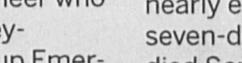
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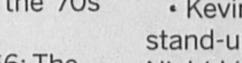
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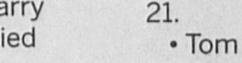
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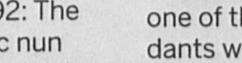
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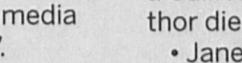
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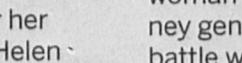
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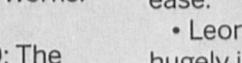
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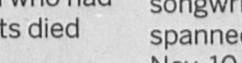
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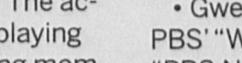
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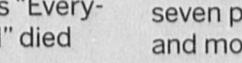
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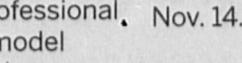
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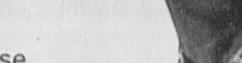
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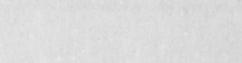
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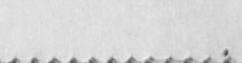
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Prolific year for artists with Cohasset ties

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YA novel

Cohasset mom Melissa Schorr released her latest teen novel, "Identity Crisis," on Jan. 18. "Identity Crisis" deals with the timely issues of cyberbullying and catfishing, as well as the timeless issues of friendship, betrayal, and young love.

By telling the story from both sides, Schorr brings humanity to both girls, making them much more than bully and victim, catfisher and cat-fished, and leaving room for both to be redeemed and grow.

By making the issue fun and relatable, Schorr hopes to overcome some of the glazed expressions that start to form on teenage faces whenever an adult mentions cyberbullying. They've heard it already. But in a novel, they just might be inspired to ask, "What if this happened to me?"

"Identity Crisis" is available at Buttonwood and online.

Mural

Give 27 teenagers a smart phone and ask them to take pictures. Doesn't really sound like art, does it? That, however, is how the 5th class of Art Stars began their ambitious five-panel, 16-by-20-foot mural project, which now hangs on the train side of the South Shore Art



Jenny Montgomery set her children's book "Salty" in Cohasset Harbor. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

Center.

This year's theme was "Digitecture," a marriage of digital art and architecture. It was no easy task transforming those photos from architectural snapshots on six-inch screens to abstract color studies on 16-foot panels.

The artists spent four Saturdays cutting, pasting, and rearranging their images, scaling up the collage, and mixing, applying, and remixing colors. Each panel used varied hues and values from the same color family to create depth and move viewers' eyes through the larger piece.

Debut album

Jake Durkin released his self-titled debut album on June 13. With an earnest tone, poetic lyrics, and percussive vocal style, he seems to be well on his way to following in his idol Jason Mraz's footsteps.

Growing up in Cohasset, Durkin played piano and even wrote some of his own songs. He briefly picked up guitar in middle school before shifting his focus to sports. He rediscovered his musical passion and talent in 2012, when he started performing at open mics and bars around the Greater Boston Area.

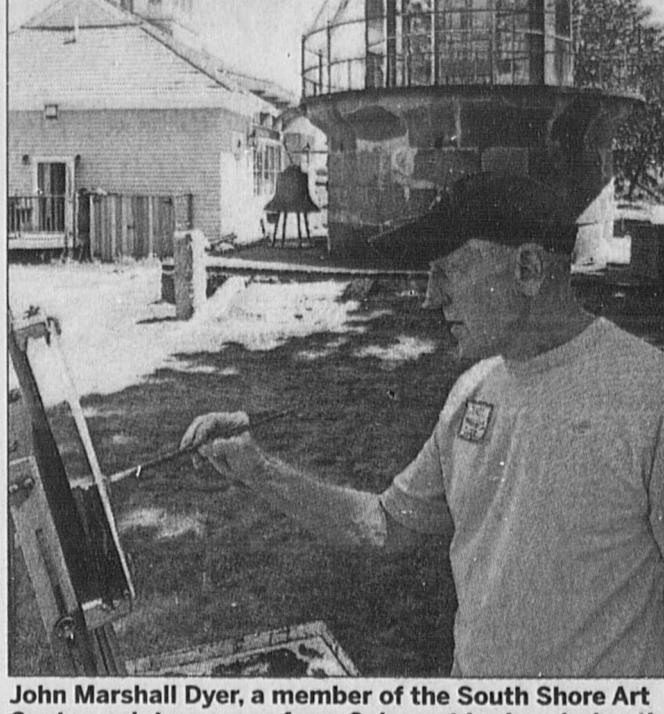
Durkin has relocated

to Nashville to pursue his musical career. Find him online at facebook.com/JakeDurkinMusic.

Yacht Club Cruise

The Yacht Club Cruise was the biggest flotilla of boats to come into Cohasset Harbor in over 50 years. Cohasset and Manchester Yacht Clubs had an old tradition of visiting one another's harbors, which began with the christening of the Manchester club in 1895.

"This event turned out to be an absolute stunner," said Rolf Gjesteby, Cohasset Yacht Club cruising director and one of the driving forces behind the



John Marshall Dyer, a member of the South Shore Art Center, paints a scene from Cohasset harbor during the Plein Air event on Tuesday, July 19, 2016. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

yacht party. "It was the most memorable event we've had at our Club in decades."

The yachts stayed in the harbor overnight and departed Sunday morning and afternoon. Manchester Yacht Club will repay the hospitality next summer.

Dance studio

South Shore Community Center dance instructors are dancing for joy over the new floating floor that's been installed in the studio over the summer. Teachers say it will be better for their student's joints. The center offers classes in Irish step

dancing, ballet, jazz, and hip hop.

On top of replacing the cold, hard linoleum floor with a shiny, hardwood floating floor, complete with cushioning underneath, the community center also installed track lighting in the studio.

Not only are the warm, dimmable lights more flattering; they make the space more versatile, too. The center hopes to introduce new classes that could benefit from the flexible lighting.

Theater program

For eight years, Kathy Boluch has been running a popular non-profit children's theater program in Scituate. Now, the woman known to most as, simply, "Miss Kathy" has expanded her stage into Cohasset. Actors Prep welcomes students from grades K-12.

Boluch holds auditions to determine which student is best for each role, but she doesn't send anyone away; Actors Prep has a role for everybody. There is no idle time. Actors who are not on stage are helping with scenery and props. Boluch also makes them solve all their own problems. The result is a performance that is really owned by the students.

Find more info at actorsprep.org.

Debut song

Cohasset alum Evan Ackley and CHS sophomore Anna Cunnin released their first collaborative song, "If Only," in October. The song was penned and produced by Michael Carroll of Marshfield and was mastered at Abbey Road Studios – yes, that Abbey Road Studios.

"It's about when you regret something and want to go back in time to fix that," Cunnin said. "It's a relatable song."

The song is available from iTunes and Spotify. The music video was released at the same time and was created by Carroll and his photographer friend Mark Gardner.

Children's book

"Salty" tells the story of a young seagull who is tired of the hustle and bustle of the harbor. He joins a fisherman on a bright yellow boat. As the unlikely companions embark on an adventure, it turns out that the seagull wasn't the only one who needed a new friend.

Author Jenny Montgomery grew up in Cohasset and worked closely with her illustrator to bring the familiar scenes of Cohasset to the pages of her storybook.

"Salty" is appropriate for children in kindergarten through third grade. It's available from the SDP Publishing website, Amazon.com, and Buttonwood Books and Toys.

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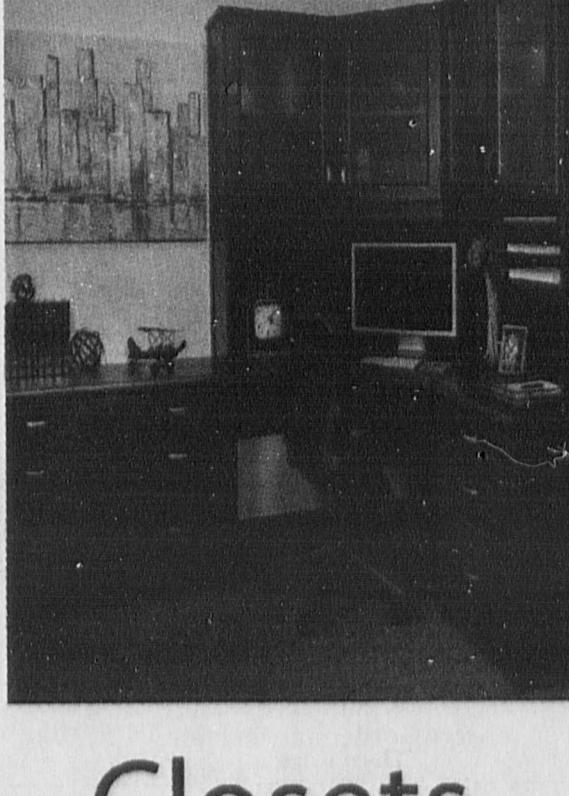
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Looking back at 2016 in Massachusetts

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While a months-long drought left swaths of Massachusetts parched during much of 2016, a flood of important events and milestones cascaded through the Bay State throughout the year.

It was a year that saw Massachusetts say farewell to both manned tollbooths and retiring Red Sox star David Ortiz. An unforgettable presidential election dominated the nation's focus, while voters in Massachusetts legalized marijuana and shot down a proposal to expand charter schools. All the while, opioid addiction continued to surge, leaving public health officials scrambling for solutions.

Elections and pot

More than a century after it became the first state to ban marijuana, Massachusetts became one of the newest to legalize the drug in 2016.

Overcoming opposition from much of the political establishment, voters approved a ballot question that made it legal for adults over age 21 to use, grow and possess limited quantities of marijuana for recreational purposes, effective Dec.



Early voting was a big hit on the South Shore this election season. PHOTO / GREG DERR / THE PATRIOT LEDGER

15. In the coming year, lawmakers and State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg's office are expected to set the regulatory groundwork for retail pot stores, which could open in 2018.

The vote came a year after the first dispensary in the state's fledgling medical marijuana industry opened in Salem.

The 2016 election marked the first time Massachusetts voters could cast their ballots in person early. Statewide, 23 percent of registered voters took advantage of early voting.

Although President-elect Donald Trump lost Massachusetts to Hillary Clinton by a wide margin, Massachusetts played a

role in helping the billionaire secure the Republican nomination. In the GOP primary, Trump carried the Bay State, topping a slate of party rivals including Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz and John Kasich.

Despite his success, Trump's penchant for inflammatory rhetoric, personal attacks, unconventional policy pronouncements and considerable baggage left many prominent Massachusetts Republicans reluctant to back the controversial candidate.

Gov. Charlie Baker refused to endorse Trump and chose not to cast a vote for president. In Wicked Local's pre-election poll of all 40 Republican state lawmakers, only 10 responded and three publicly backed Trump.

Battling addiction

Opioid abuse continued to take a toll on Massachusetts in 2016, with preliminary public health data showing statewide overdose deaths were on pace to exceed the more than 1,500 from 2015.

Heroin continued to be a major street drug, but fentanyl, a highly potent synthetic opioid, emerged as a leading contributor to overdose deaths. It is up to 50 times more potent than heroin and became increasingly common in 2016. By the third quarter of the year, fentanyl was detected in nearly three-quarters of fatal overdose victims who were tested, according to state data.

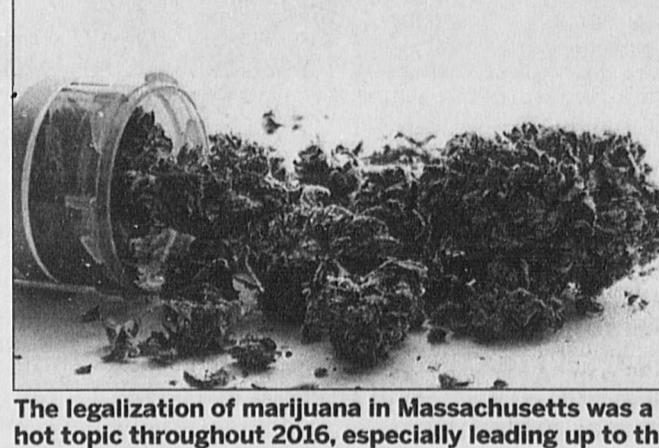
Massachusetts expanded new prescribing guidelines for prescription opioids, launched a new prescription monitoring database and expanded access to the overdose-reversing drug naloxone.

New rights

Transgender residents of Massachusetts got an expanded set of legal protections in 2016, when the state passed a new anti-discrimination bill. The law guarantees public accommodation rights to transgender people. Under the law, which took effect



Farewell Big Papi. Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz tips his cap to the crowd during ceremonies before a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Boston, Sunday, Oct. 2. AP PHOTO / MICHAEL DWYER



The legalization of marijuana in Massachusetts was a hot topic throughout 2016, especially leading up to the November election. FILE PHOTO

in October, transgender people have the right to use public restrooms and locker rooms consistent with their gender identities, regardless of their sex at birth.

Transportation developments

Sitting in line at the tollbooth became a thing of the past on the Massachusetts Turnpike in 2016. The state has switched to an electronic tolling system. Drivers now drive under gantries that scan their EZ-Pass transponders or photograph their license plates to bill them by mail. Work to demolish the tollbooths began nearly immediately after electronic tolling went into effect in October.

The long-anticipated South Coast Rail plan, which would extend commuter rail service from Boston to New Bedford, Fall River and Taunton, took a major turn in 2016. After projected costs ballooned, state transportation officials reconsidered a route option that would build off of the existing Middleboro line. The plan has gotten a mixed reception among South Coast elected officials.

Business moves

General Electric announced in January that it was moving its headquarters to Boston, a deal that includes \$145 million in tax breaks and state grants. The new headquarters, a three-building campus in Boston's Seaport District, is expected to be completed in 2018. In the meantime, the company's headquarters are

based in a temporary space in the city.

Work continued in 2016 on the Wynn Boston Harbor Casino in Everett and MGM Casino in Springfield, as the gambling establishments prepare for construction.

In Taunton, the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe broke ground on a planned tribal casino, only to be derailed by a federal lawsuit challenging the tribe's ability to qualify for the sovereign land designation needed to establish a reservation.

After a federal judge struck down the Department of the Interior's decision to approve the tribe's land application, the case is now heading to federal appeals court.

The natural world

People weren't the only ones making news in Massachusetts this year.

Great white shark sightings spiked in Massachusetts during the summer of 2016, prompting temporary beach closings up and down Cape Cod. While shark attacks on humans are rare, there were some close encounters this year.

In early October, shark researchers captured an aerial photograph of a massive great white swimming within feet of a stand-up paddle boarder off Nauset Beach.

Orcas, also known as killer whales, are not usually seen in New England waters, but the black-and-white marine mammals were spotted off the coast of Cape Cod in 2016.

Another unusual visitor, a manatee, also took a trip

to the Massachusetts coast this summer. Scientists captured the wayward animal off Cape Cod in September and transported it back to its native Florida.

Throughout the summer and fall, a drought settled in over much of Massachusetts, prompting more than 100 communities to enact water use restrictions. As of December, the Quabbin Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to most of Greater Boston, was at 79 percent capacity.

Farmers suffered reduced crop yields as a result of the dry summer. For farmers without robust irrigation systems, the results were sometimes devastating.

The year in sports

Massachusetts often finds itself at the epicenter of the sports world, and 2016 was no exception.

Legendary Red Sox slugger David Ortiz called it a career after the 2016 season. After helping his team break its playoff curse in 2004, Ortiz was a crucial cog in two more World Series-winning campaigns, forever endearing himself to the Fenway faithful.

Down in Foxboro, meanwhile, the "Deflategate" saga continued to drag on, more than a full year after allegations first surfaced that the New England Patriots played with footballs inflated below the minimum PSI. The 2016 NFL season began without Tom Brady, as a federal court reinstated the NFL's decision to suspend the star quarterback for four games.

Massachusetts was well-represented in the Rio Olympics in 2016, with five Bay Staters taking home medals. Gymnast Aly Raisman of Needham won team gold and two individual silver medals. In judo, Danvers resident Kayla Harrison won gold and Travis Stevens of Wakefield won silver in their respective divisions. Diver Michael Hixon of Amherst got silver in springboard diving, while Gevvie Stone of Cambridge took home the silver in women's single sculls rowing.

Distance runner Abbey D'Agostino of Topsfield didn't medal at Rio, but her display of sportsmanship appeared on countless highlight reels. After another runner tripped and fell during the 5,000 meters, taking D'Agostino down with her, the Topsfield runner got up and pulled her tearful competitor to her feet. The two athletes shared an embrace after finishing the race. The moment was widely hailed as the embodiment of the Olympic spirit.

LOOK AHEAD

5 Massachusetts stories to watch in 2017

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federal grant funds for Massachusetts dry up under Trump, who wrote about the joy of taking revenge in his 2007 book?

2 Will the commercial marijuana industry get off the ground? Following passage of a ballot question on Election Day, marijuana became legal for recreational use effective Dec. 15. While it's now legal for Massachusetts adults to possess and grow limited amounts of the drug, State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg and state lawmakers are expected to spend much of 2017 setting up the regulatory framework for a pot retail industry. The first licensed pot shops are expected to open in 2018, but will delays, which plagued the rollout of the state's medical marijuana program, set the schedule back? Lawmakers will likely consider changes to the new law, including hiking the marijuana tax

rate or raising the legal pot-smoking age.

3 How will Massachusetts get its budget on track? In early 2017, Baker is expected to release his spending plan for fiscal 2018, which begins July 1, 2017. Fiscal 2017 has been challenging, as tax revenues have fallen short of projections. Baker on Dec. 6 announced nearly \$98 million in midyear budget cuts. Will Baker and state lawmakers find enough common ground in budget sessions to avoid a repeat next year? Will tax revenues rebound in the new year?

4 Although the presidential election is firmly in the past, focus will turn to municipal elections in 2017. There are 34 cities, including Boston, that have mayoral posts and city council seats on the local ballot in November 2017. By fall of 2017, the field of candidates running for

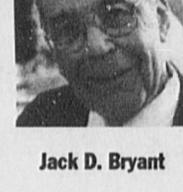
governor in 2018 will also likely begin to take shape. Newton Mayor Setti Warren recently announced he won't seek another term as mayor, sparking speculation that he may be considering a run against Baker.

5 Will the law keep pace with new technologies and innovations? Boston is launching a yearlong program to test autonomous, self-driving cars and is expected to develop policy recommendations. Meanwhile, Massachusetts passed a law in August to regulate ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft. Some lawmakers have said they anticipate early 2017 will see a legislative debate on regulations for Airbnb, a web-based app that lets people rent their homes on a short-term basis. Lodging rented through such services is not currently subject to the same standards and regulations as traditional hotels and motels.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

Jack D. Bryant



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COHASSET — Jack David Bryant, age 89, of Cohasset, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2016, at home surrounded by loved ones.

Mr. Bryant was the loving husband of Vernita W. (Williams) Bryant, the devoted father of Saadia R. Bryant of Brighton and Jeffrey C. Bryant of Weymouth and adoring grandfather of AJ Bryant also of Weymouth; devoted son of the late Johnnie Bryant and Joseph Bryant of Dowagiac, MI and loving brother of the late Joseph Bryant Jr. He also survived by his nieces and nephews, Jerome Bryant and his wife Canary of Vicksburg, MI, Yvonne Mourning of South Bend, IN., Yvette Bryant of Lansing, MI., Yonee Kuphoff and her husband Doug of Grand Rapids, MI, Yolanda Searles of Kalamazoo, MI and their respective families.

Mr. Bryant was a veteran of World War II, serving in the US Army Air Forces as a Tuskegee Airman. He earned his BS in Engineering in 1951 from University of Michigan, an MS in Engineering Management in 1976 from Northeastern University. He was awarded an Honorary PhD in Engineering from Northeastern University in 2013.

Jack was the founder and president of Bryant Associates, Inc., a multidisciplinary professional services firm providing engineering, surveying and construction management services.

Jack was a member of the New England Chapter of the Tuskegee Airman, the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Assoc. and the Academy of Fellows of Society of American Military Engineers.

He was the former president of Downtown North Assoc.

and the Boston Post of Society of Military Engineers. He was a former board member of American Road & Transportation Builders Assoc., and of Middlesex Bank and Trust.

In 2000, Mr. Bryant was awarded the Freeman Award from the Providence Engineering Society, in 2007 the Congressional Medal of Honor as a member of the Tuskegee Airman and in 2012, the President's Award from the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council.

In his spare time, he enjoyed listening to music, gardening, building model trains at the South Shore Model Railway Club and telling stories.

Friends and family will gather to honor Jack at visiting hours on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 from 4-8 p.m. in McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 160 So. Main Street (across from St. Anthony Church), Cohasset. A memorial service will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016 at 11 a.m. in the First Parish Church, 23 No. Main St. Cohasset Commons, MA 02025.

For an online guest book, please visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Jack's memory to the Massachusetts Salvation Army, Attn: Development Dept., 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021 or give.salvationarmyusa.org.

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COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset Police/Fire Log, which is public record and available for review.

Monday, Dec. 19

2:08 p.m.: A two-car motor vehicle crash without injuries was reported near Fiori's Gulf Service Station on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The vehicles were towed.
3:24 p.m.: A chocolate Lab was reported found on Spin-drift Lane. The calling party offered to hold onto the dog until its owner was found.
4:14 p.m.: A vehicle leaking fuel was reported on Elm Street. Fire personnel responded, and the vehicle was towed.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

12:37 a.m.: A female party requested a well-being check. She stated she was dropped off in the area and did not know where she was and that she had been at a friend's house but didn't feel comfortable. Police located the party on Windy Hill Road.
2:10 p.m.: A caller reported an injured coyote on Lambs Lane. Police searched the area but were unable to locate the animal.
4:32 p.m.: A caller reported a black box hanging over the street near St. Anthony's Church on Summer Street. The caller said it had been there for a few weeks but was concerned that no one else had seen it. Police reported it was a Verizon box, and Verizon was notified.
6:44 p.m.: A caller reported what sounded like three gunshots followed by four shots on Linden Circle. Another caller from Linden Drive and a caller from Deep Run reported the same. Police checked the area and found nothing.
8:27 p.m.: A caller reported a dead animal in the roadway on Black Rock Road at Forest Avenue. The Animal Control officer was notified.
11 p.m.: A caller on Forest Avenue reported his yellow Lab missing for more than two hours. He reported it was an older dog named Tucker with a silver collar and tag.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

12:49 p.m.: A deceased hawk was reported near

Hingham Lumber on Chief Justice Cushing Highway.
1:40 p.m.: A caller reported a female party standing at the end of the driveway on Doane Street and looking around. The party then met up with a male at the cemetery. The party was gone on police arrival.

5:08 p.m.: A two-car minor motor vehicle accident was reported near Village Greenery on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Papers were exchanged.

7:01 p.m.: A caller reported a cyclist was going south on Chief Justice Cushing Highway and almost got hit twice. Police made contact with the party, who had no issues.

Thursday, Dec. 22

12:49 a.m.: A disturbance was reported on South Main Street involving a verbal argument between two parties.

10:38 a.m.: A caller on Old Pasture Road reported that she was missing two or three packages that companies said had been delivered. She stated she had seen the mailman put something in the mailbox but when she went out it was gone. Police canvassed the neighborhood but found nothing.

12:35 p.m.: A carbon monoxide alarm was reported at a house on Black Horse Lane. The residence was ventilated and the heating system shut down. The homeowner was waiting on a contractor.

2:39 p.m.: A motor vehicle crash with injuries was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway at Pond Street.

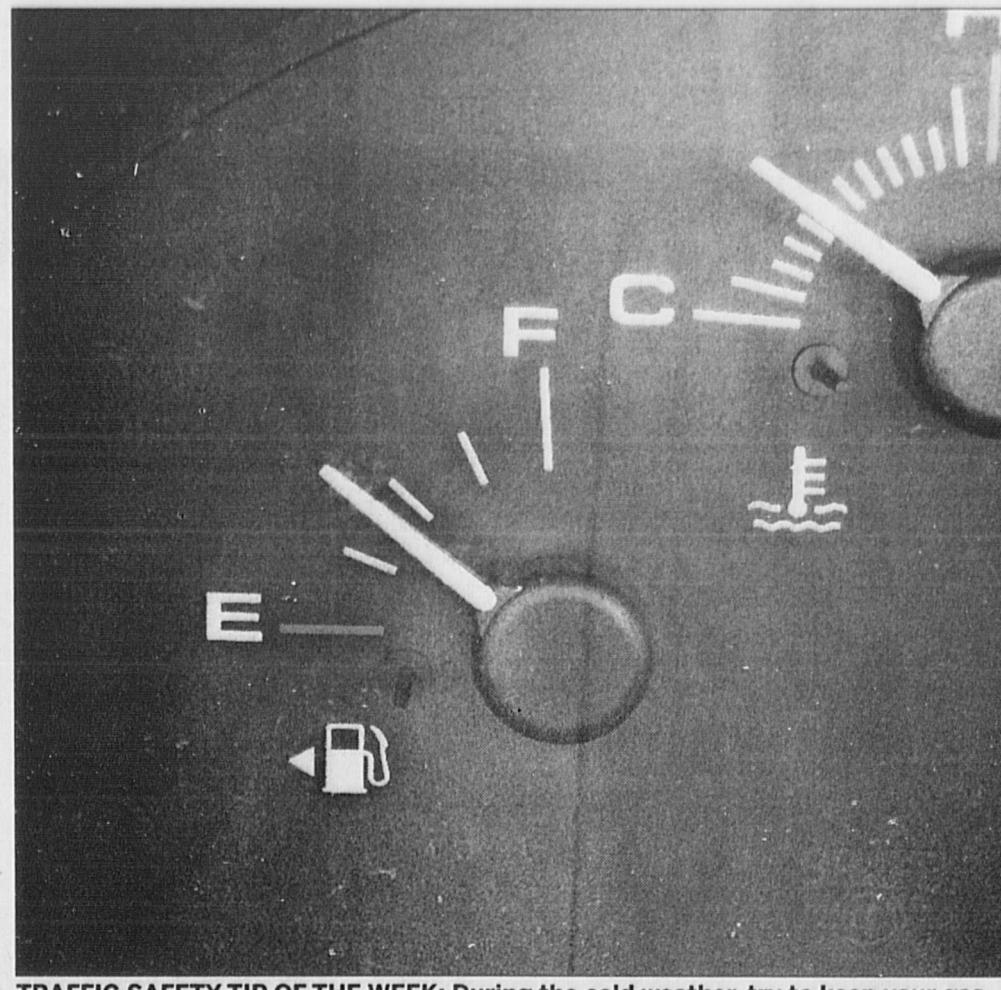
6:21 p.m.: A vehicle was reported stuck in the median at the MBTA rail crossing on Spring Street just past the tracks. The vehicle had slid on black ice but was not leaking fluid. The vehicle was towed.

8:11 p.m.: A suspicious vehicle was reported at Wheelwright Park on North Main Street. The parties were sent on their way.

Friday, Dec. 23

11:31 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle crash was reported on Beechwood Street at King Street. A wrecker was needed, and a party was given transport home.

12:02 p.m.: A caller from a



TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK: During the cold weather, try to keep your gas tank as full as possible. An almost empty gas tank is more susceptible to condensation, which can form in your gas tank. This can lead to your fuel lines freezing and your engine not starting. Also, more gas means more weight, which can give your car better traction in the snow. COURTESY PHOTO

leasing office on Avalon Drive reported a green Thunderbird parked across the street that looked to be abandoned. The windows were down and it had been there a while. The vehicle owner was notified and stated that it had broken down and he would remove it.

12:10 p.m.: A employee at Hingham Lumber on Chief Justice Cushing Highway reported check fraud.

12:58 p.m.: A caller reported kids playing on skateboards near South Main Street and was concerned for their safety. An officer drove by and the kids were on the sidewalk.

2:38 p.m.: A two-car motor vehicle accident with no injuries was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway at Pond Street.
2:47 p.m.: A caller reported an injured coyote in his yard on Lambs Lane and asked to speak to the ACO.

3:41 p.m.: A caller on Church Street reported that the house next door was being worked on and the back door was open but there were no cars and the

workers had not been there. Police secured the house.

5:38 p.m.: A fire alarm was reported at Guest House on Atlantic Avenue. Fire personnel determined it was accidental due to cooking and confirmed food on the stove.

6:52 p.m.: A caller reported kids knocking on doors on Linden Drive and then running away. Police located four or five kids who admitted to doing it and were sent home for the evening.

8:36 p.m.: A caller reported an erratic operator in a U-Haul van on Avalon Drive at King Street. Police checked OK.

10:26 p.m.: A caller reported 10 boys walking down Cushing Road and thought it was suspicious. Police checked the area and were unable to locate the parties.

Saturday, Dec. 24

2:12 p.m.: The owner of Darilynn's on South Main Street requested an officer

for a larceny report.

2:46 p.m.: A caller reported a silver Mazda driving slowly and crossing over the line on Ripley Road at Sohier Street. The vehicle was gone on police arrival.

6:21 p.m.: A caller reported a dog running around the area of Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police searched the area but did not locate the dog.

7:16 p.m.: A caller reported an inside odor of gas on Sky View Way coming from the oven after it was shut off. Residents were evacuated, and National Grid was notified. Fire personnel and National Grid went through the residence with negative results for gas.

7:48 p.m.: A homeowner on Cushing Road reported that the alarm company had told him alarms were going off. He believed it was his neighbor feeding the cat but requested an officer check. Police reported the house appeared secure.

9:01 p.m.: A walk-in reported a missing person.

Sunday, Dec. 25

9:12 a.m.: A residential alarm was reported on Cushing Road. Police reported the home appeared secure.

11:45 a.m.: A garage door motion alarm was reported at a residence on Forest Avenue. Police secured the residence.

12:58 p.m.: A caller reported a suspicious white van with Texas plates and a male party in the driver's seat at Tedesco Food Shops on South Main Street. The vehicle was gone on police arrival.

2:31 p.m.: A commercial alarm was reported at Local Vines and Gourmet Wines on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The alarm company reported it was accidental by cleaners. Police secured the property and the one next door.

3:12 p.m.: A caller reported that her 15-year-old black Lab got out on Fernway with no collar. The dog was reunited with its owner.

8:24 p.m.: A residential alarm was reported on Forest Avenue. The homeowner was not home but stated that they remotely checked their security camera. Police checked the exterior and reported everything was secure.

11:19 p.m.: A caller reported that kids tipped over a port-a-potty on Parker Avenue. The port-a-potty was returned to its upright position, and no damage was reported.

Monday, Dec. 26

12:21 a.m.: A suspicious vehicle was reported on Lighthouse Lane.

10:54 a.m.: A fire alarm activation was reported on South Main Street. It was determined to be accidental due to cooking.

2:45 p.m.: A caller reported a blue van in the driveway of an unoccupied house on Elm Court and three males inside the house.

5:36 p.m.: An outside odor of gas was reported on Ripley Road. Personnel reported it was an ongoing issue at this location, and National Grid was notified.

10:36 p.m.: A commercial alarm was reported at A Taste for Wine & Spirits on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police checked and secured the property.

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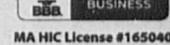
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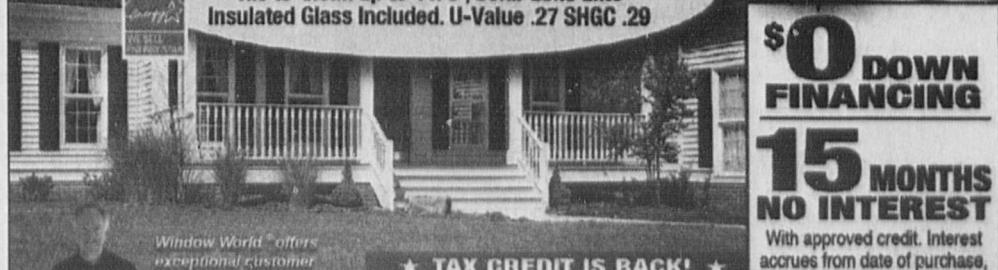
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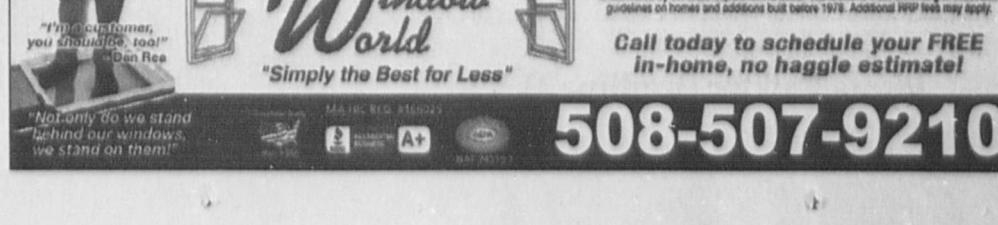
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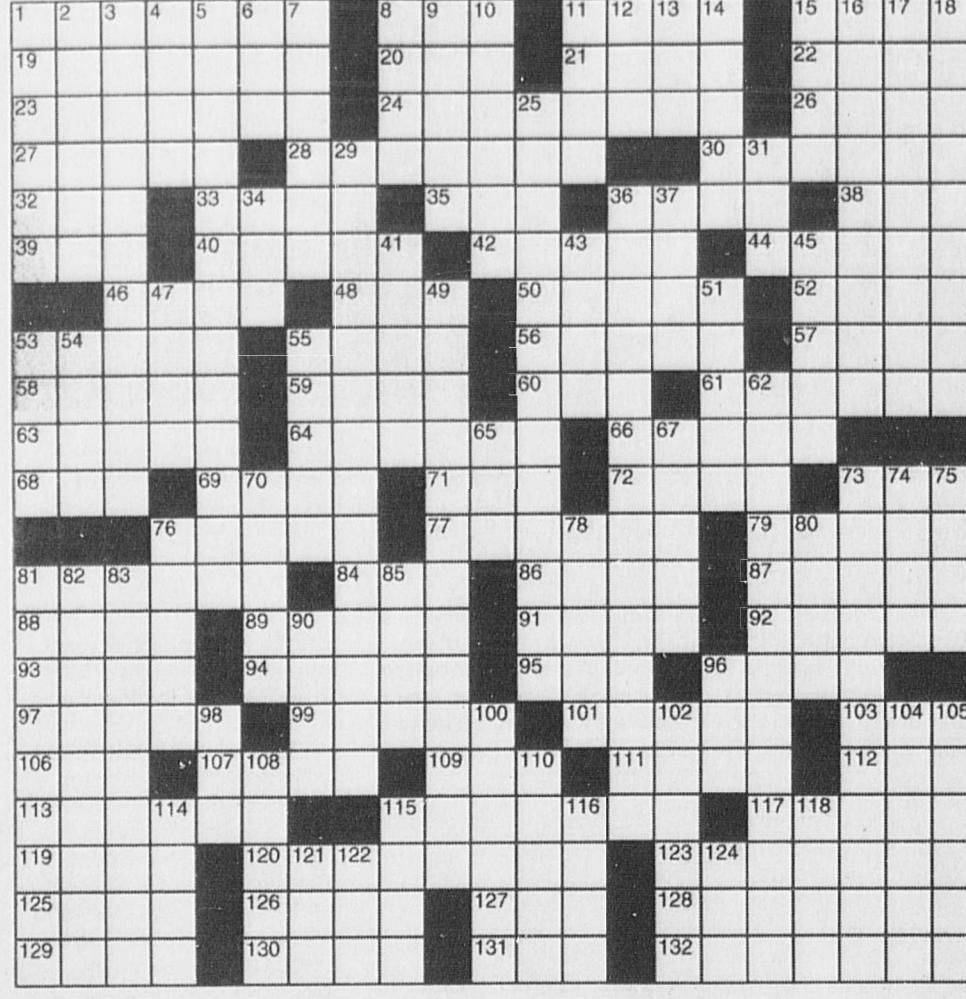
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CALENDAR

Art exhibit opens Jan. 5 at Front Street Art Gallery in Scituate Harbor

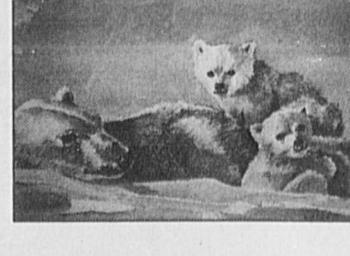
WHEN: 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 5

WHAT: Art exhibit opening at Front Street Art Gallery in Scituate Harbor

INFO: Exhibit opening: 11 a.m., Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor. New exhibit will be on view

from Jan. 5 to 28 and will feature various art mediums depicting the concept of "ice breakers." Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, or by appointment. The gallery is closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the winter months. Pictured: "Mother's Love" by John Hietala.

For information: 781-545-6150, www.frontstartgallery.com.



Send your event information by email to calendar@wickedlocal.com. Listings information must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Please include the time, date, location, street address and town of the event. If possible, provide a contact phone number and website.

Friday, Dec. 30

December vacation programs

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 28-30, North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Drop-off programs for children in grades 1-5, ages 7-11. Play, explore, do activities each day, hot cocoa by the fire. Pre-registration is required. \$70/\$60 per member child per day (register for any or all; daily activities vary). For information: 781-837-9400, massaudubon.org/southshore.

The Groove Doctors: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Party with Ghost Train CD release event

8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

New Year's Eve Party, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Studio G, 50 Shops at 5 Way, Plymouth. Hostess Loretta LaRoche. Live music by Kenny Wenzel Band musicians and vocalist Rebecca Parris. Dancing, food and complimentary champagne (21+ ID required). Cash bar. Tickets in advance \$60 or at the door for \$80. For information: 800-838-3006, www.LLPresents.com.

Sunday, Jan. 1

First Day Hike

11 a.m., Myles Standish State Forest, 194 Cranberry Road, Carver. Join the Friends of Myles Standish State Forest on a 2.5-mile walk around the East Head Reservoir trail. Participants will meet at 10:45 a.m. at the amphitheater behind the forest headquarters on Cranberry Road. The walk generally takes about an hour and 15 minutes. Warming fire and marshmallows, weather permitting. For information: 508-866-2526, friendsmsff.com.

New Year's Day Woodland Walk

1-2:30 p.m., Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Meet at Main Barn at 12:45 p.m., rain or shine. No need to preregister. Free event, donations accepted to support the educational programs. For information: 781-383-6565, hollyhillfarm.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Raising a Reader: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CALENDAR EVENT

Want to see your event listed in the print and online calendars? Here's how:

1 Visit our website homepage and open "Sections" in the top left corner of the site. Scroll down and select "Calendar." Bookmark that page for later.

2 Register or, if you've visited before, log in. Then click on "Add Event" at the top of the page.

3 Follow the instructions to fill out the event form, and click "Submit Event." That's it!

To see the full list of events, just click on "More Events" on the website. The deadline to submit is 5 p.m. Wednesday the week prior to the print publication.

New Year's Eve party Dec. 31 at Studio G in Plymouth

WHEN: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 31

WHAT: New Year's Eve Party hosted by Loretta LaRoche

INFO: Loretta LaRoche Productions will present a party at Studio G, 50 Shops at 5 Way, Plymouth, hosted by Loretta LaRoche with live music by Kenny Wenzel Band musicians and vocalist Rebecca Parris. Enjoy dancing, food and complimentary champagne (21+ ID required). Cash bar. Tickets in advance \$60 or at the door for \$80.

For information: 800-838-3006, www.LLPresents.com.



HOW TO SUBMIT

Event information can be input online by following the directions at the bottom of this page, sent by email to scalendar@wickedlocal.com or sent by fax to 781-837-4543. Listings must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Photos should be a jpeg with a resolution of at least 200 dpi and no smaller than 3X5 inches in size. For more information call 508-591-6623.

New Year's Day Woodland Walk Jan. 1 at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset

WHEN: 1-2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 1

WHAT: New Year's Day Woodland Walk at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset

INFO: New Year's Day Woodland Walk will take

place at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Meet at Main Barn at 12:45 p.m., rain or shine. No need to preregister. Free event, donations accepted to support educational programs.

For information: 781-383-6565, hollyhillfarm.org.



Saturday, Jan. 7

Device Advice Workshop

10-11:30 a.m., Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Learn about Hoopla, a free, new service for Braintree library users for downloading music, movies, ebooks and audiobooks. Don't forget to take your iOS or Android device, and know the user name and password for your device's app store. Register through the online calendar, at Reference Desk, or by phone. For information: 781-848-0405, ext. 4417, www.thayerpubliclibrary.org.

Creative Kids Art Classes

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays in January, James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. Four-day interactive fine art series led by two artists, for youth artists ages 8 to 14. Students will create a book of gelatin prints, collages and fish print T-shirts. At the end of the series, some of their works will be displayed at the James for the month of February. \$20 for a single class, \$75 for the entire four-day series. Fee covers all art supplies. For information: 781-659-7100, www.jameslibrary.org.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

1-3:30 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Participants will celebrate Lewis Carroll's classic novel, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." There will be a Crazy Hat Contest and the winner will receive a special prize. After enjoying some riddles, tea and crazy hats, participants will watch the 2010 film adaption of the novel, "Alice in Wonderland" directed by Tim Burton. Free event. Refreshments provided by the library. This program is intended for adults. Registration is highly encouraged. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

Chris Trapper concert

8 p.m., South Shore Folk Music Club, Beal House, 222 Main St., Kingston. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Members \$20, non-members \$22. Advance tickets are available from www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2600704. For information: 781-740-2000, www.ssmrc.org.

Tuneful Brew Coffee-house

8-10 p.m., First Parish Church's Harvey Assembly Hall, 842 Tremont St., Duxbury. Open mic at 8; this month's featured performers, bluegrass band Four Bridges, at 9 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door, children 12 and under admitted free. Homemade baked goods and a variety of tea and coffee available. Donations greatly appreciated. For information: tunefulbrew@gmail.com, www.tunefulbrew.com.

Dred Sox

8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Open auditions

1 p.m., Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Non-equity open call auditions for "Sister Act the Musical."

Callbacks will be 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9. Audition candidates

should be strong singers, and arrive prepared to sing a song from the show or a song in a similar musical theater style.

Dress appropriately for movement; audition candidates are not required to be strong dancers. Take a headshot or snapshot. Resume is helpful, but not required. For information: sally@companytheatre.com, www.companytheatre.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Device Advice Workshop

7-8:30 p.m., Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Learn about Hoopla, a free, new service for Braintree library users for downloading music, movies, ebooks and audiobooks. Don't forget to take your iOS or Android device, and know the user name and password for your device's app store. Register through the online calendar, at Reference Desk, or by phone. For information: 781-848-0405, ext. 4417, www.thayerpubliclibrary.org.

Choral Art Society open rehearsals

7-9 p.m., First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate. Formal training not required. New members of all ages and all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) welcome. Next concert, Mozart Requiem, to be held May 7. For information: 508-577-1466, www.choralartsociety.org.

Braintree Choral Society open rehearsals

7:15 p.m., Braintree High School music room, 128 Town St., Braintree. New singers are welcome through January as preparations begin for the spring program to be performed. BCS is a non-audition chorus open to anyone with a passion for learning and singing quality choral music. Tenors and basses especially needed. First rehearsal Jan. 10. For information: www.braintreesings.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Pre-pregnancy planning seminar

6-7 p.m., Abraham Sieracki Conference Room at Norwood Hospital, 800 Washington St., Norwood. Obstetrician and gynecologist, Alice H. Shen, M.D., will discuss preparing for a healthy pregnancy, including good nutrition, fitness programs, immunizations, vitamin supplements. A light supper will be served. Reserve your spot by calling 781-278-6024. For information: www.norwood-hospital.org.

Roomful of Blues

8 p.m., Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The New England based band has been celebrating jump blues, R&B and early rock 'n' roll music for a record 45 years. Over the years there have been more than 50 members, each bringing his or her own unique talent and vision to the mix. Tickets are \$26. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Open auditions

1 p.m., Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Non-equity open call auditions for "Sister Act the Musical."

Callbacks will be 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9. Audition candidates

Group meets the first and third Monday each month (except legal holidays - meet on Tuesday following holiday). For information: namisouthshore@gmail.com.

Ongoing

Art exhibit

Dec. 3-Jan. 5, Hingham Library, Clemens Gallery, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. The work of artist Marianne F. Buckley Curran is on display. She paints in oils, watercolors and acrylics; on small canvases and wall murals. She also teaches art at South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell and for the town of Hull through the Community Education Program. For information: 781-741-1405, www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Square dance lessons

5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, First Congregational Church, 12 Church St., Rockland. The Hobomock Hoedowners Square Dance Club will be giving square dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Sept. 28. Singles and couples are welcome. First class is free. For information: 781-812-2944.

Autism Network meeting

Emmanuel Parish, 519 Washington St., Braintree. Braintree Autism Network for our Daughters and Sons meets every other month September through June, 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month. The meetings are open to all parents or guardians of children who live in Braintree and have an autism spectrum disorder or live elsewhere but attend school in Braintree and have an ASD. There is no cost or obligation and membership is confidential. Call Leah Nabstdt for more information at 617-943-2452.

Artisans in the Square

is a working artisans' cooperative located at 63 South St. in Hingham Square. The shop is staffed by the 15 members who work on their craft while doing their shifts. Stop in to watch them or chat. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Open until 8 p.m. the first Friday of the month, including reception from 5-8 p.m. to meet the artisans. Refreshments are served. For application or any inquiries, email info@artisansinthesquare.com. For information: 781-749-2590, www.artisansinthesquare.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Play tryouts

6-8 p.m., Buzzards Play Productions, 3065 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. Auditions will be held Jan. 12, 15, 19 and 22 for Ibsen's drama, "Hedda Gabler," a character study of dysfunction. Rehearsals begin Jan. 24 for performances the last two weekends in April. For information: 508-591-3065, buzzplayprod@gmail.com.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Play tryouts

6-8 p.m., Buzzards Play Productions, 3065 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. Auditions will be held Jan. 12, 15, 19 and 22 for Ibsen's drama, "Hedda Gabler," a character study of dysfunction. Rehearsals begin Jan. 24 for performances the last two weekends in April. For information: 508-591-3065, buzzplayprod@gmail.com.

Friday, Jan. 13

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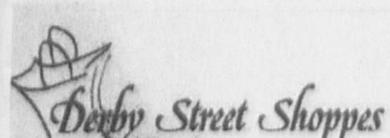
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